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MINUTES

OF THE

Primitive Baptist Assoc.

Upper Country Line Association

HELD WITH THE

Church at Reidsville

Rockingham County, N. C.

August 15th, 16th and 17th, 1908

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PROCEEDINGS

1. The introductory sermon was preached by Elder P. D. Gold from John 12:21.

2. The association convened, and, it having pleased the Lord in his wise providence to take from us our former clerk and dear brother, R. T. Williams, brother S. J. Hall was chosen clerk.

3. The association was then opened by praise and prayer by Elder G. D. Roberson.

4. Elder L. H. Hardy was chosen moderator.

5. Elders O. J. Denny and W. A. Simpkins were chosen to preach to the people this afternoon, and Elders J. A. Monsees, J. W. Wyatt and W. J. Heard to preach at night in the several churches of the town.

6. Correspondents and visitors from sister associations and churches were invited to seats with us. The following were received:

From Little River—Minutes and Elders W. A. Simpkins, J. E. Adams and Brother S. D. Coly.

From Black Creek—Minutes and Elder P. D. Gold and Brother O. L. Yelverton.

From Fishers River—Minutes and Elders J. A. Ashburn and G. O. Key.

From White Oak—Minutes and Elder Isaac Jones.

From Mayo—Minutes and Elders J. F. Spangler, J. W. Flinchum, Brother J. W. Hutchin and others.

From Lower Country Line—Minutes and brethren H. E. Satterfield, J. A. Carver, H. J. Rogers, G. C. Farthing and D. R. Clayton.

From Kehukee—Minutes and Elder G. D. Roberson.

From Abotts Creek—Minutes and Elders P. W. Williard, W. M. Monsees, C. A. Davis, Brethren W. L. Bouldin and others.

Durham Association (Colored)—Minutes.

From Contentnea—Minutes and Elder D. A. Mewborn, and Brother E. A. Stanfield.

From Pig River—Minutes and Elder B. L. Stultz.

From Smith's River—No intelligence.

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From Staunton River—Minutes and Elders N. T. Oaks, E. C. Oaks, and Brethren W. H. Wilson, J. W. Tompkins and others.

From New River—Minutes.

Elders W. J. Heard and J. A. Monsees were present as visitors from the Echeconnee Association of Georgia, and Elders O. J. Denny, C. F. Denny and Brtheren J. H. Cowles, Levi Harriss and others were visitors from the Primitive Baptist church in Greensboro.

7. The messengers of Reidsville church with the moderator and clerk were chosen the committee of arrangements, and Brethren A. J. Lambeth and T. A. Stanfield the committee of finance.

8. The letters from the several churches composing this association were read and their standing recorded in the statistical table.

9. The circular letter written by Brother J. W. Gilliam was called for, read, received and ordered printed with these minutes.

10. Petitionary letters were called for. One was handed in from Oak Grove Primitive Baptist church in Caswell county, N. C., with Brethren J. W. Wattington and R. H. Jones as messengers. This church was received and enrolled with our churches.

11. The association adjourned until 9 o'clock a. m., on Monday with benediction by Elder W. J. Heard.

The elders chosen filled their appointments on this afternoon and at night.

SUNDAY MORNING AUGUST 16.

Elders W. J. Heard, D. A. Mewborn, N. T. Oats, P. D. Gold, J. A. Monsees, Isaac Jones, B. L. Stultz, E. C. Oaks, C. F. Denny, G. O. Key, J. A. Ashburn, W. A. Simpkins, J. E. Adams, G. D. Roberson, and J. F. Spangler preached in the several churches of the town accordingly as they had been chosen to do. They filled their appointments acceptably and to the praise of the Lord. Bless His holy name for His unspeakable gift by Jesus Christ our Lord.

MONDAY MORNING AUGUST 17.

The association met at 9 o'clock according to adjournment, and after singing and prayer by Elder J. A. Ashburn, proceeded to business.

2. Elders J. W. Flinchum and C. A. Davis, were chosen to preach this morning.

3 Messengers appointed last year to visit sister associations were called on to report. Some of them attended and the rest were excused.

4. Messengers were appointed to visit sister associations at their next session as follows:

Little River—Elder T. W. Walker.

Kehukee—Elder T. W. Walker.

Mayo—Elder T. W. Walker, and Brother G. W. Carter.

Contentnea—Elders T. W. Walker and L. H. Hardy.

White Oak—Elder T. W. Walker.

Black Creek—Elders T. W. Walker and L. H. Hardy.

Staunton River—Minutes.

Pig River—Minutes.

Lower Country Line—Brethren W. P. Warren, A. J. Lambeth and S. J. Hall.

Fishers River—Minutes.

Smiths River—Minutes.

New River—Minutes.

Durham Association (Colored)—Minutes.

5. Brother G. W. Carter was requested to write a circular letter to be read at our next association on Saturday.

6. It was agreed that our next associaion be held with the church at Gilliams, Alamance county, N. C., to begin at 11 o'clock a. m., on Saturday before the third Sunday in August 1909, and that Elder L. H. Hardy preach the introductory sermon and that Elder W. C. Jones be his alternate.

7. It was agreed that a section meeting be held with the church at Lynch's Creek on Friday before the first Sunday in April 1909, and that Elders J. P. Johnson, Y. C. Chandler and B. B. McKinney be requested to attend. And that another be held with the church at Moon's Creek, Friday before the third Sunday in May 1909; and that Elders

W. C. Jones, B. B. McKinney and T. W. Walker be requested to attend.

8. The finance committee was called to report, which report is as follows:

Received from the churches this year:
For Minutes.....$28.00
For Visiting Ministers..... 37.15
The report was received and the committee discharged.
Paid for printing for these minutes and mailing them $18.00
Clerks Fee 10.00
Distributed among our visiting ministers..... 37.15

and some other small amounts which were handed into the committee.

Note—Several dollars of the money for minutes was made up by the messengers, Brother Gold giving $1.70 of this. Our churches should take notice of this and send in a sufficient amount to pay the expenses. If each member of each church would give just what he or she is willing to send to the association and when all is paid in let that be the amount sent. Then let the expenses be paid and any remainder be divided among our visiting ministers.

9. Our clerk was instucted to have one thousand copies of these minutes printed and distributed among the churches composing this body and among the association with which we correspond, and that he receive ten dollars for his services.

10. Some memorials and resolutions were read, adopted and ordered printed with these minutes.

11. The minutes were read and approved by the association.

12. The association adjourned by prayer and thanksgiving by Elder P. D. Gold.

L. H. HARDY, Moderator, Reidsville, N. C.
S. J. HALL, Clerk, Cedar Grove, N. C.

MAILING LIST TO THE CLERKS OF THE CHURCHES.

Arbor, 63—J. E. Simmons, Fitch, N. C., R. 1.

Big Meadow, 22—Elder W. C. Jones, Burlington, N. C.

Burlington, 19—C. B. Tillman, Burlington, N. C.
Country Line, 9—Elder Y. I. Chandler, Fitch, N. C.
Dan River, 23—J. T. Martin, Oregon, N. C.
Gilliams' 16—J. W. Gilliam, Altamahaw, N. C.
Harmony, 17—W. A. Ward, Stainback.
Lick Fork, 38—R. D. Harris, McIver, N. C., R. 1.
Lynch's Creek, 12—W. R. Hawkins, Cedar Grove, N. C.
McCray, 12—J. Brooks, Burlington, N. C.
Moons Creek, 14—J. R. Travis, Gatewood, N. C.
Pleasant Grove, 42—T. A. Stanfield, McIver, N. C.
Prospect Hill, 39—S. J. Hall, Cedar Grove, N. C.
Reidsville, 22—E. R. Harris, Reidsville, N. C.
Wolf Island, 70—R. L. Sneed, Reidsville, N. C.
Oak Grove, 6—J. W. Wattington, Yanceyville, N. C.

CIRCULAR LETTER.

Dear Brethren, Composing the Upper Country Line Primitive Baptist Association:

Having been chosen at our last association to prepare a circular letter to be read at this association for your consideration, I have endeavored to comply.

Dear Brethren, when we have met to worship the Lord in an associated capacity, it should be the desire of each of us that the Lord will bless us with his mercy and grace, and be our great moderator and that he lead us in wisdom's ways, and grant us harmony and peace throughout our association.

We read that "God is love." Therefore, if we be his children, it is reasonable that we love him, and also one another; for it is written "We love him because he first loved us," and we hope he has manifested himself to us as our father and a God full of mercy, grace, and truth; but who can not look upon sin with allowance.

Hence in our case, because of our transgression, a ransom was prepared, and in due time our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, as saith the apostle "Appeared in the end of the world to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself." We now hope he hath visited us, quickened us into newness of life, turned us about, removed us in the spirit of our minds, and hath shown us our creatureship, sin, and undone condition; and hath granted unto us a glimpse of his holiness, and hath shone us Jesus as our mediator, as the only acceptable offering for our sins; and hath filled our hearts with

love and gratitude; and hath made us to feel to join in with the Psalmist David, saying, "The Lord hath done great things for us whereof we are glad." And thus he hath filled our hearts with praise; and hath granted us hope of eternal life by his resurrection from the grave, and of dwelling in his presence forever more.

Therefore in consideration of these wonderful blessings and manifestations, let us endeavor to do all things decently and in order, preferring one above another, as saith the apostle; and thus let love and peace abound, and desire the guidance of the Lord in all we do.

Respectfully submitted, this August, 15, 1908.

JOHN W. GILLIAM.

ELDER F. L. OAKLEY.

We, the undersigned, as your committee appointed to draft resolutions of respect to the memory of Elder F. L. Oakley to be attached to our minutes, do submit the following:

1 Resolved, that while at all times we should reverently bow to the providence of our heavenly Father, whose work is perfect, and whose gifts to the church whether great or small, are all good; yet we feel that in the removal by death of our beloved and highly esteemed brother, Elder F. L. Oakley, at his residence in Caswell county, N. C., on the first Sunday in January, 1908, we have parted with an able, much esteemed, and faithful minister of the gospel; one who has, as an under shepherd, passed in and out among us after a godly sort, good walk and godly conversation, for more than forty years, "feeding the flock," "knowing nothing among us only Jesus Christ and him crucified" as the only way or name given among men whereby we must be saved.

While his labors as pastor extended from time to time to a number of churches in the Country Line Association, his visits reached our neighboring association, and of him we feel safe in saying , "He has fought the good fight," and his armor is laid by; and the blessed expression of "Well done, thou good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joys of thy Lord," is his.

2. That a copy of these resolutions be attached to our minutes, and also that a copy be sent his widow, sister Oakley.

Respectfully submitted,

ELDER L. H. HARDY,

JOHN W. GILLIAM

Committee.

R. T. WILLIAMS.

Whereas, it hath pleased the judge of the whole earth to remove by death our capable and efficient clerk, Brother R. T. Williams; and whereas we feel that the association has sustained a great loss by the death of Brother Williams; now therefore, be it resolved:

1. That we bow in humble submission to the will of him that doeth all things well, is too wise to err and too good to be unkind.

2. That we extend to the family of our deceased brother our profound sympathy, and that a copy of these resolutions be sent to them, and that they be printed in our minutes and spread on our records.

G. W. CARTER,
R. L. SNEED,
Committee.

RESOLUTIONS OF THANKS.

Resolved, that we extend our thanks to the several churches in Reidsville for the very generous loans of their church houses for our use during this session of our association.

Resolved, that we extend our thanks to our friends who have so generously helped us in entertaining our congregation during this meeting.

We very much regret that we were not able to supply all of them with the company they wished, and we pray the goodness of God on them.

ELDER L. H. HARDY, Moderator.
S. J. HALL, Clerk.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	NAMES OF MESSENGERS	Rec'd by Baptism	Rec'd by Letter	Restored	Dis'd by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Total Number in Fellowship	Contributions	Contributions for Ministers
	Contributed by Eld. Gold.	....	....	....	....	....	...	...	$1.70	.....
Arbor	G W. Simmons, J. E. Simmons, T. Simmons	....	...	1	1	...	3	63	1.50	$3.00
Big Meadow	Elder W.C. Jones, A. Whitfield*, J. F. Buckner*	....	....	....	....	....	1	22	2.00	.....
Burlington	A. J. Tillman, J. M. Tillman, L. B. Clayton*	3	....	....	....	....	1	19	2.00	.....
Country Line	T. H. Rudd	....	....	....	....	...	1	9	.55	.....
Dan River	W. G. Dix, J. T. Martin, W. J. French	...	....	....	....	....	....	23	1.75	.....
Gilliams	W. T Bows*, G. E. Brooks*, J. W. Gilliam	..	1	....	....	....	2	16	1.50	..
Harmony	G. W. Brooks	1	....	....	....	...	1	17	1.00	.....
Lick Fork	W. S. Butler, A. J. Paschal, C. A. Howard	1	....	...	3	....	1	38	1.50	4 50
Lynches Creek	Wm. Warren*, W. R. Hawkins	....	....	....	....	....	....	12	1.00	.....
McCray	J. Brooks*. Rob. Netherby*	....	....	....	....	....	....	12	.50	.....
Moons Creek	Elder J. P. Johnson, J. G. Wilson*, J. W. Neal	....	....	....	....	....	1	14	1.50	10,00
Plesant Grove	P. M. Walker, T. A. Stanfield	....	....	...	3	....	1	49	1.50	3.00
Prospect Hill	S. J. Hall, W. D. Blalock, W. P. Warren	1	....	..	....	1	....	39	2.00	4.50
Reidsville	Elder L. H. Hardy, T. W. Hopkins, A. J. Lambeth	1	....	.	....	....	2	22	3.00	5.00
Wolf Island	T. R. Williams, G. W. Carter, R. S. Summers	....	2	....	....	1	4	70	4.00	5.15
Oak Grove	J. W. Watlington, R. H. Jones	....	....	....	....	....	....	4	.50	.....
	Absentees marked*	7	3	1	7	2	18	429	28 50	26.15

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PROCEEDINGS

1. The introductory sermon was preached by Elder L. H. Hardy, from Isa. 40, 15th verse.

2. The Association convened and after praise and prayer by Elder P. D. Gold, the Association proceeded to business.

3. Elder W. C. Jones was chosen moderator.

4. Elders J. W. Gardner and J. E. Adams were chosen to preach to the people this afternoon.

5. Correspondents and visitors from sister Associations and churches were invited to seats with us. The following were received:

Little River—Elders J. E. Adams, W. A. Simpkins.

Kehukee—Elder J. A. Shaw, and Minutes.

Mayo—

White Oak—Elders Isaac Jones and E. E. Lunldy.

Black Creek—W. M. Boykin, Elder P. D. Gold and Minutes.

Staunton River—Elder N. T. Oaks, M. W. Pickerel.

Lower Country—W. A. Warren, J. H. Gooch, G. C. Farthing and H. E. Satterfield.

Fisher's River—Minutes.

Contentnea—Elder J. W. Gardner.

Smith's River—

New River—

Durham, col.—By Minutes.

Abbott's Cr.—Elder C. A. Davis and W. L. Bauldin and others.

6. The messengers of Gilliam's church, together with the moderator and clerk, were chosen the committee of arrangements, and brethren W. G. Dicks and T. W. Hopkins, the committee on finance.

7. The letters from the several churches comprising this Association were read and their standing recorded in the Statistical Table.

8. The Circular Letter. Brother G. W. Carter failed to attend and was excused.

9. Petitionary letters called for. None presented.

10. The Association adjourned until 9 o'clock a. m. Monday, with benediction by L. H. Hardy. The elders that were chosen filled their appointments on this afternoon.

SUNDAY MORNING.

Elder P. D. Gold preached from John 14-12.; W. A. Simpkins, from Mat. 1-23.

SUNDAY EVENING.

Elder P. W. Williard, Ex. 28-36; Elder E. E. Lunday, Luke 15-11-32.

FOUR O'CLOCK P. M.

Elder Isaac Jones, Tim. 4-2.

MONDAY MORNING, AUGUST 16. 1909.

1. The Association met according to adjournment and after praise and prayer by Elder C. A. Davis, proceeded to business.

2. Elders J. A. Shaw and C. A. Davis were chosen to preach this morning.

3. Messengers who were appointed last year to visit sister Associations were called on to report. Some attended and those who did not were excused.

4. Messengers were appointed to visit sister Associations at their next sessions as follows.

Little River—Elder W. C. Jones and S. J. Hall.

Kehukee—Elder L. H. Hardy.

Mayo—Brother R. P. Summers and A. G. Lambeth.

White Oak—Minutes.

Black Creek—Minutes.

Staunton River—Minutes and J. W. Gilliam.

Lower Country Line—Elders T. W. Walker, W. C. Jones and A. J. Lambeth.

Abbot's Creek—Minutes and R. L. Snead.

Fisher's River—Minutes.

Smith's River—Minutes.

New River—Minutes.

Durham, col.—Minutes.

Elder W. C. Jones was requested to write a Circular Letter, to be read at our next Association on Saturday.

6. It was agreed that our next Association be held with the church at Oak Grove, N. C., Caswell county, beginning on Saturday before the 3rd Sunday in August 1910. Elder W. C. Jones and L. H. Hardy were chosen to preach the introductory sermon.

7. It was agreed that a section meeting be held with the church at Harmony, and Elders B. B. McKinney and T. W. Walker to attend 2 Friday and Saturday and Sunday in April, 1910.

Pleasant Grove—Elder W. C. Jones, J. P. Johnson and T. W. Walker on the 3rd Friday, Saturday and Sunday in April, 1910.

8. The finance committee was called on to report which report is as follows: Received from the churches this year for minutes, $58.80.

The report was received and the committee was discharged.

Paid for printing these minutes and mailing them to the church clerk, $18.00.

Clerk fee, $10.00.

Distributed among visiting ministers, $23.00.

Distributed among the visiting ministers, $30.80.

Our clerk was instructed to have 1,000 copies of these minutes printed and distributed among the churches composing this Association, and among the Associations with which we correspond and that he receive ten dollars for his services.

10. The minutes were read and adopted.

11. The Association adjourned by prayer and remarks.

W. C. JONES, Moderator.

S. J. HALL, Clerk

RESOLUTION OF THANKS.

Resolved, That we extend our thanks to the brethren and the community for the kindly manner in which we have been entertained during this meeting.

MAILING LIST OF CHURCH CLERKS.

Arbor, 63—J. E. Simmons, Fitch, N. C., R. No. 1.
Bigmeadow, 22—Elder W. C. Jones, Burlington N. C.
Burlington, 22—C. B. Tillmon, Burlington, N. C.
Country line, 9—Elder Y. I. Chandler, Fitch, N. C.
Dan River 23—W. J. French Reidsville, N. C., R. No. 3.
Gilliam's, 20—J. W. Gilliam,, Altamahaw, N. C.
Harmony, 20—W. A. Ward, Mebane N. C. R. F. D. No. —
Lick Fork, 38—R. D. Harris, McIver, N. C., R. No. 1.
Lynch's Creek 12—W. R. Hawkins, Cedar Grove, R. No. 2.
McCray, 15—J. Brooks, Burlington, N. C.
Moon's Creek, 14—J. R. Travis, Gatewood, N. C.
Pleasant Grove 42—T. A. Standfield, McIver, N. C.
Prospect Hill, 39—S. J. Hall, Cedar Grove, N. C.
Reidsville, 24—E. R. Harris, Reidsvile, N. C.
Wolf Island, 72—R. L. Sneed, Reidsville, N. C.
Oak Grove, 7—J. W. Watlington, Yanceyville, N. C.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	NAMES OF MESSENGERS	Baptized	Rec. by Letter	Restored	Dis. by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	No. in Fellowship	Con. for Expenses	Con. for Ministers
Asbor	Elder Y. I. Chandler G. W. Simmons G. E. Simmons							63	1.50	$5.00
Big Meadow ...	Elder W. C. Jones, W. H. Johnson, H. W. Johnson							22	2.00	
Burlington	A. J. Tillman, C. T. Hudgins		3					22	3.00	
Country Line ...	By Letter							9	50	
Dan River	W. J. French, T. F. Ward, W. G. Dicks.....					2	1	20	1.25	
Gilliams	W. T. Bowles, G. E. Brooks, J. W. Gilliam	4						20	1.25	
Harmony	G. W. Brooks, W. R. Clayton W. A. Ward.....	3					1	19	1.50	
Lick Fork	Not Represented								1.00	
Lynches Creek .	By Letter						1	11	1.25	
McCray	By Letter		2					14	50	
Moons Creek ..	Elder J. P. Johnson, J. G. Wilson, J. W. Neal							14	1.50	10.00
Pleasant Grove	Brethren T. A. Standfield W. C. Apple.....	1					1	42	1.50	3.00
Prospect Hill ...	W. D. Blallock, S. J. Hall, J. W. Nelson.					1	2	36		6.55
Reidsville	Elder L. H. Hardy, T. W. Hopkins, A. J. Lambreth ...	2						24		7.50
Wolf Island	G. W. Carter, R. T. Simmons R. L. Snead	2			1			71	4.00	5.00
Oak Grove	T. J. Foster J. W. Wattington	1						7	50	
		13	5		1	3	6	394	21.10	37.15

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PROCEEDINGS.

1st. The introductory sermon was preached by Elder W. C. Jones from Matt. 7:20.

2nd. The association convened and after praise and prayer by Elder P. D. Gold, the association proceeded to business.

3rd. Elder L. H. Hardy was chosen moderator.

4th. Elders E. C. Oaks and Jno. S. Lewis were chosen to preach at the stand in the afternoon.

5th. Correspondents and visitors from sister associations and churches were invited to seats with us. The following were received:

Little River—Minutes.

Kehukee—Elder J. A. Shaw.

Salem Association—Elders W. P. Willard, and brethren P. Neal and W. S. Boulden.

Mayo—Elder J. P. Via.

White Oak—Elder Isaac Jones.

Black Creek—Elder P. D. Gold.

Staunton River—Elder C. T. Evans and E. C. Oaks, and B. F. Evans.

Lower Country Line—Brethren W. A. Whitfield and W. A. Warren and J. J. Lea.

Fishers River, Contentnea, Smith's River, New River, Abbotts Creek and Durham Col. by Minutes.

Baltimore, Elder J. T. Rowe.

6th. It was agreed that our next association be held with the church at Lynch's Creek, in Caswell county, N. C., beginning on Saturday before the third Sunday in August, 1911. Elder L. H. Hardy was chosen to preach the introductory sermon and Elder B. B. McKinney, his alternate.

7th. It was agreed that a section meeting be held with the church at Wolf Island, and Elders L. H. Hardy, W. C. Jones, J. T. Johnson were appointed to attend on Friday, Saturday and 2nd Sunday in April 1911, and another at Gilliams. Elders L. H. Hardy, W. C. Jones, B. B. McKinney were appointed to attend on Friday, Saturday, and 1st Sunday in May, 1911.

8th. The finance committee was called on to report, which report is as follows:

Received from the churches	$57.45	
Paid for printing and mailing minutes		18.00
Clerk Fee		10.00
Distributed among visiting ministers		29.45
	$57.45	$57.45

9th. Our clerk was instructed to have 1000 of these minutes printed and distributed among the churches composing this association, and among the associations with which we correspond and that he receive ten dollars for his services.

10th. The minutes were read and adopted.

11th. The association adjourned by prayer.

S. J. HALL, Clerk. J. W. GILLIAM, Asst. Clerk.

L. H. HARDY, Moderator.

Sunday Morning.

Elder J. A. Shaw preached from 1st John 3-8, and Elder Isaac Jones from Matt. 8-22.

Sunday Evening.

Elder P. D. Gold preached from John 14-12 and Elder J. T. Rowe from Rev. 19-11.

Five O'clock.

Elder P. W. Willard preached from Mark 1-1.

Monday Morning, August 22, 1910.

1st. The association met according to adjournment, and after praise and prayer by Elder J. T. Rowe, proceeded to business.

2nd. Elders C. T. Evans and J. P. Via were chosen to preach this morning.

3rd. Messengers who were appointed last year to visit sister associations were called on to report. Some attended and those who did not were excused.

4th. Messengers were appointed to visit sister associations at their next sessions as follows:

Little River, Elder W. C. Jones; Kehukee, Elder L. H. Hardy; Contentnea, Elder L. H. Hardy; Mayo,, E. R. Harris, G. M. Trent, G. W. Caster; White Oak, S. J. Hall; Black

Creek, Elder L. H. Hardy; Staunton River, C. A. Howard, J. W. Neal and E. R. Harris; Lower Country Line, W. R. Clayton, J. W. Neal, J. W. Gilliam; Salem, Elder W. C. Jones; Abbotts Creek, Fishers River, Smith's River, New River, Durham col., Minutes.

5th. Brother J. W. Gilliam,, Jr., was requested to write a circular letter to be read at our next association on Saturday.

6th. The messengers of Oak Grove church together with the moderator and Clerk, were chosen the committee of arrangements, and brethren T. J. Foster and A. J. Lambeth were chosen the committee on finance.

7th. The letters from the several churches comprising this association were read and their standing recorded in the Statistical Table.

8th. The circular letter by W. C. Jones was read and approved and ordered to be printed with minutes.

9th. Petitionary letters called for, none presented.

10th. The association adjourned until 9 o'clock a. m., Monday with benediction by Elder W. C. Jones. The Elders that were chosen filled their appointments on this afternoon.

CIRCULAR LETTER.

Dear brethren: Being appointed at our last association to write a circular letter to be read at this session, I now make the attempt, hoping that I may be able to write as the Spirit directs my mind for the good of all who may read it. The scripture that seems to be on my mind at this time recorded in John 14:6. Jesus had been telling his disciples that he was going to leave them. Knowing that they were troubled about it he said to them: "Let not your heart be troubled," assuring them that if he went he would send the Comforter who would be with them, and that he would abide with them forever.

Jesus, who is the way, the truth and the life, makes no mistakes. The way that he lived was the will of the Father who does all things well; for all his works shall praise him.

This way is the way of salvation to all his children, who make manifest that Jesus is their salvation by following him.

This is the way which the world by wisdom has never known. It is a high way in which there is no sin.

When one begins to enquire for the way of life it is proof that God is leading him, for no man can come to Him unless the Father which sent Jesus draws him.

How blessed and glorious when the Father reveals Jesus to this seeking soul, who then realizes his great love which delivers them from so great a death, and sheds abroad his love in their hearts by the Holy Ghost who unites and binds his children together in the dearest ties that have ever bound any people together: for Jesus is made of God unto them wisdom and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, 1st. Cor. 1:30.

Dear brethren, what a glorious blessing to have the fruit of the Holy Spirit. This makes us fit for the Master's use who places every member in the body so that each one is prepared for good service.

We desire also to say something about the use of the members that compose this body, as every one is placed there to honor Jesus. We then that have hope that we are created in Christ Jesus unto good works which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them, should lay aside every weight and the sins that so easily beset us, and run with patience the race that is set before us. They that do this will be a comfort one to the other.

First this applies to the under shepherds who are to feed the flock of God which he has purchased with his own blood, who are to go in and out before the sheep. Let us so live as we should wish to die. Let us do or say nothing that will offend a member of his church. For we are told that it would be better that a millstone be hung about one and he be cast into the sea than that he offend one of the little ones. This not only embraces one but all the members.

While we are filling the seats vacated by our fathers we shall soon go where they have gone. Let us do nothing by partially, but love in deed and in truth.

I have written as my mind leads me. Brethren, pray for me.

Your unworthy brother in hope,

W. C. Jones, Burlington, N. C.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

Churches. Names of Messengers.	Baptized	Rec. by Let.	Restored.	Dis. by Let.	Excluded.	Deceased.	No. in Fel.	Contribut'n.
Arbor—J. E. Simmons, G. W. Simmons, W. E. Byrd. ...	3					2	64	$ 1.50
Big Meadow—Eld. W. C. Jones, H. W. and W. H. Johnson						1	21	2.00
Burlington—C. T. Hutchins, J. M. and C. B. Tillman....							22	2.00
Country Line—T. H. Rudd.....							9	.50
Dan River—W. G. Dix, W. J. Frenck.....	2	2	1	2			23	1.35
Gilliams—J. W. Gilliam, Sr., J. W. Gilliam, Jr.....	1			1			20	1.00
Harmony—W. A. Wood, W. R. Clayton,, J. I. Clayton....				1			18	2.00
Lick Fork—Andy Pascal, C. A. Howard, C. L. Applewhite				1		4	33	6.00
Lynches Creek—W. R. Hawkins						1	10	1.50
McCrays—By Letter.	2					1	13	1.00
Moon Creek—J. W. Neal.....				1			13	11.50
Pleas. G've—B. B. McKinney, P. M. Walker, T.A. Stanfield							42	4.00
Pros. Hill—W. P. Warren, W. D. Blalock, S. J. Holt.....						2	34	7.75
Reidsville—L. H. Hardy, E. R. Harris, A. J. Lambeth....	1	2					25	5.35
Wolf Island—G. W. Carter, G. M. Trent, R. P. Summers..	3			5	1	2	66	9.00
Oak Grove—R. H. Jones, J. W. Wadlington, T. J. Foster..	2						9	1.00
							Total.....	$ 57.45

MINUTES

OF THE

UPPER COUNTRY LINE

Primitive Baptist Association

HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT

LYNCHES CREEK

CASWELL COUNTY, N. C.

ON AUGUST 19, 20 AND 21, 1911.

MINUTES

OF THE

UPPER COUNTRY LINE

Primitive Baptist Association

HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT
LYNCHES CREEK
CASWELL COUNTY, N. C.
ON AUGUST 19, 20 AND 21, 1911.

PROCEEDINGS.

Saturday Morning.

1st. The introductory sermon was preached by Elder L. H. Hardy, from Matt. viii; 1, 2, 3, 4.

2nd. The Association convened and after praise and prayer by Elder P. D. Gold the association proceeded to business.

3rd. Elder L. H. Hardy was chosen moderator.

4th. Elders S. P. Terry and C. F. Denny were chosen to preach to the people this afternoon.

5th. Correspondents and visitors from sister associations and churches were invited to seats with us. The following were received:—

Little River—Minutes.

Kehukee—Elder J. A. Shaw and minutes.

Mayo—No communication.

White Oak—Elder Isaac Jones and minutes.

Black Creek—Elder P. D. Gold and minutes.

Staunton River—Brethren A. C. Owens, John Williams and minutes.

Lower Country Line—Brethren H. E. Saterfield, W. A. Warren, and A. V. Moore and others.

Salem—Minutes.

Fishers River—Not represented.

Contentnea—Minutes.

Smiths River—Elder A. D. Short.

New River—Not represented.

Abbotts Creek—Minutes.

Durham (Col.) Minutes.

Greensboro Church—Elders O. J. and C. F. Denny, and Brother J. H. Combs.

6th The messengers of Lynches Creek Church together with the moderator and clerk, were chosen the committee of Arrangements, and Brethren J. W. Neal and A. J. Lambeth were chosen the Committee on Finance.

7th. The letters from the several churches composing this association were read, and their standing recorded in the Statistical Table.

8th. The circular letter, by Brother J. W. Gilliam, Jr. was read and ordered to be printed with these minutes.

9th. Petitionary letters were call for. None presented.

10th. The church at Burlington, upon petition, was dismissed by letter.

11th. The association adjourned until nine A. M. on Monday with benediction by Elder Isaac Jones.

Elder S. P. Terry preached from Matt. xiii; 33, and Elder C. F. Denny preached from John vi; 40.

Sunday Morning.

Elder P. D. Gold preached from II Cor. ii; 15, 16, and Elder O. J. Denny preached from John v; 24, 25.

Elder J. A. Shaw preached from II Cor. viii; 9, and Elder Isaac Jones preached from Ruth i; 16, 17.

There was preaching on Friday night, Saturday afternoon and night and Sunday night by brethren I. Jones, A. D. Short, and W. C. Jones.

Monday Morning, August 21st.

1st. The association met according to adjournment, and after praise and prayer by Elder S. P. Terry, proceeded to business.

2nd. Elders J. A. Shaw and P. D. Gold were chosen to preach to the people this morning.

3rd. Messengers who were appointed last year to visit sister associations were called on to report. Some attended, and those who did not were excused.

4th. Messengers were appointed to visit sister associations at their next sessions, as follows:—

Little River, Elder W. C. Jones and Brother S. J. Hall; Kehukee, Elder L. H. Hardy; Mayo, Elder W. C. Jones, Brethren A. J. Lambeth, T. A. Stanfield, E. R. Harris, and R. S. Sommers; White Oak, Elder W. C. Jones; Contentnea, Elder L. H. Hardy; Black Creek, minutes; Staunton River, Elder W. C. Jones, Brethren T. W. Rice, J. W. Neal, and C. A. Howard:

Lower Country Line, Brethren A. G. Porterfield, W. P. Warren, and S. J. Hall; Abbots Creek, Fishers River, Smiths River, New River, and Durham (Col.), minutes.

5th. Brother C. A. Howard was requested to write a circular letter to be read on Saturday at our next association.

6th. It was agreed that our next association be held with the church at Lickfork, to begin at eleven o'clock on Saturday before the third Sunday in August 1912. (No selections were made for preaching the introductory sermon).

7th. It was agreed that a section meeting be held with the church at Burlington on the third Sunday, Friday, and Saturday before in April 1912, and that Elders T. W. Walker and B. B. McKinney be requested to attend. That another section meeting was appointed to be held with the church at Dan River on the fourth Sunday, Friday, and Saturday before in April, 1912, and that Elders W. C. Jones and J. P. Johnson be requested to attend.

8th. The finance committee was called on to report, which report is as follows:

Received from the churches this year - -	$59.65	
Received from the congregation - - -	32.50	
		$92.15
Clerk's Fee - - - - - - - - -	$10.00	
Printing and mailing minutes - - -	17.00	
Gave visiting ministers - - - - -	65.15	
		$92.15

The report was received and the committee discharged.

9th. Our clerk was instructed to have one thousand copies of these minutes printed and distributed among the churches composing this association, and among the associations with whom we correspond, and that he receive ten dollars for his services.

10th. The minutes were read and adopted.

11th. The association adjourned by prayer by Elder Isaac Jones.

S. J. HALL, Clerk. Cedar Grove, N. C.

L. H. HARDY, Moderator. Reidsville, N. C.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS.

Resolved, That we extend our thanks to this community for their kindness to us during our stay with them, and for their untiring efforts to make us comfortable both on the meeting ground and in their homes.

Resolved, That we extend our thanks to sheriff T. N. Fitch and his deputies, and to the Justices of the Peace in keeping order in our large congregation so that we have had the finest of order and our brethren in the ministry and the congregation have been blessed in speaking and in hearing.

We desire to thank and praise the Lord for His goodness to us in pouring out His unspeakable blessings on us.

CIRCULAR LETTER.

To the churches composing the Upper Country Line Association—Greeting:

Dear Brethren in Christ:—Having been appointed at our last association to write the circular letter to be read at this time, and notwithstanding my inability for such a task, I desire to proceed to write this letter as a token of fellowship in Christ Jesus, begotten in us by God, the Father, and manifest by the appearing of our Lord and Savior, for which we trust we are thankful to God, and desire to worship him, assembling ourselves together as often as expedient, desiring to assemble in the unity of the spirit and in the bond of peace.

When appointed to this important task, I felt very heavily the unworthiness of the appointee and feel very much the same to-day, and I fear that I shall not be able to speak comfortably unto you, but one consoling thought is, that they who know the least of God, have in this the most valuable of all knowledge; they who know most of him, know but little after all of His glorious perfection. Our God is a God of perfection, of light, of love, of peace and not confusion, he is the God of mercy, and in Him is the sinner's only plea. He that is our God is the God of salvation, and he seeketh such to worship Him as do worship Him in spirit and in truth.

Having not been assigned any special subject upon which to write, as was the custom more than a century ago, I take advantage of this opportunity to ask, for the consideration of all interested, why are our people, the Primitive Baptist, treated with such a large measure of contempt to-day? And I also offer for your consideration the reasons which follows; viz., the smallness of their number, their old fashion creed, their experience of grace, their want of education, and their proverbal deficiency in human polish. Hath God cast away his people? God forbid. Even so then at this present time, there is a remnant according to the election of grace, and, if by grace, then is it no more of works: otherwise grace is no more grace. This declaration of the apostle Paul puts an end to the Pharisaicle doctrine of salvation by works, which has ever caused a dependence on works for salvation. We have the laws of Christ, as given in the New Testament, for our rule, and the apostles of Christ, as expounders of the laws of Christ to us; hence we protest against every practice for which there is no "Thus saith the Lord" for it. The apostles demanded experience of grace—Peter said: But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear. Now, we are told that wisdom is the principle thing, therefore get wisdom. We are also told that the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom. Also, again, All thy children shall be taught of the Lord and great shall be their peace. The wisdom of the world has never preached Jesus and him crucified, such wisdom is foolishness with God. He taketh them in their own craftiness.

Brethren, we desire no new thing or custom, as the former customs and means of worship, practiced by Christ and his apostles, are good enough for us. We desire to stand in the "good old way" wherein the fathers have trod, and worship in the newness of the Spirit, rejoicing in Christ Jesus, putting no confidence in the flesh.

Respectfully submitted.

J. W. Gilliam, Jr.

MAILING LIST TO CHURCH CLERKS.

Arbor	63	Minutes,	J. E. Simmons, Fitch, N. C., R. F. D. 1.
Big Meadow	22	"	Elder W. C. Jones, Burlington, N. C.
Burlington	22	"	C. B. Tillman, Burlington, N. C., R. F. D. 8.
Country Line	9	"	T. H. Rudd, Union Ridge, N. C., R. F. D. 1.
Dan River	23	"	W. J. French, Reidsville, N. C., R. F. D. 3.
Gilliams	20	"	J. W. Gilliam, Altamahaw, N. C., R. F. D. 1.
Harmony	20	"	J. I. Clayton, Efland, N. C., R. F. D. 1.
Lick Fork	38	"	Mrs. C. J. Terry, Reidsville, N. C., R. F. D. 5.
Lynches Creek	12	"	W. R. Hawkins, Cedar Grove, N. C., R. F. D. 2
McCray	15	"	A. G. Porterfield, Burlington, N. C., R. F. D. 3
Moons Creek	14	"	J. W. Neal, Danville, Va., R. F. D. 5
Pleasant Grove	42	"	T. A. Stanfield, McIver, N. C., R. F. D. 1.
Prospect Hill	39	"	S. J. Hall, Cedar Grove, N. C.
Reidsville	25	"	E. R. Harris, Reidsville, N. C.
Wolf Island	51	"	R. L. Sneed. Reidsville, N. C.
Oak Grove	10	"	R. H. Jones, Yancyville, N. C., R. F. D.

MAILING LIST TO SISTER ASSOCIATIONS.

Staunton River	18	to A. C. Owens, Sycamore, Va.
Kehukee	44	to Elder M. T. Lawrence, Robersonville, N. C.
Black Creek	18	to Elder J. F. Farmer, Wilson, N. C.
Contentnea	25	to B. D. Rowe, Aurora, N. C., R. F. D. 2.
White Oak	18	to Elder C. C. Brown, Sneeds Ferry, N. C.
Abbotts Creek	14	to Elder W. T. Broadway, Cooleemee, N. C.
Salem	10	to W. L. Teague, Winston-Salem, N. C.
Lower Country Line	15	to J. H. Gooch, Stem, N. C.
Smiths River	20	to Elder A. D. Short, Floyd, Va.
Little River	21	to Elder J. A. T. Jones, McCullers, N. C., R. F. D.
Mayo	20	to Elder A. L. Moore, Martinsville, Va.
Fishers River	20	to Elder G. O. Key, Pilot Mountain, N. C.
New River	20	to Elder P. G. Lester, Floyd, Va.
Durham (Col.)	10	to Elder W. E. Slade, Greensboro, N. C.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES	MESSENGERS NAMES	Baptized	Rec. by Let.	Restored	Dis. by Let.	Excluded	Deceased	No. in Fel.	Contribution
Arbor	G. W. Simmons, W. A. McKinney, J. E. Simmons....				1			63	$ 1.50
Big Meadow	Elder W. C. Jones, J. F. Buckner, A. Whitfield....							21	2.00
Burlington	A. J. Tillman, C. T. Hudgins, J. M. Tillman.....		2	1	2		1	22	2.45
Country Line	T. H. Rudd.....	2						9	.40
Dan River	W. G. Dix, T. W. Rice, A. H. Dickerson.....	1		1	1			25	1.00
Gilliams	J. W. Gilliam, W. T. Bowles, J. W. Gilliam Jr.....		1					22	1.00
Harmony	W. R. Clayton, W. A. Ward, J. I. Clayton.....							18	2.00
Lickfork	A. J. Pashal, Lewis Apple, C. A. Howard.....						2	27	6.35
Lynches Creek	Wm. Warren, W. R. Hawkins.....							10	1.50
McCray	A. G. Porterfield.....					1		14	1.50
Moons Creek	Elder J. P. Johnson, J. W. Neal.....					3		10	11.25
Oak Grove	Represented by letter.....							9	.50
Pleasant Grove	G. W. Walker, W. C. Apple, T. A. Stanfield.....	1				1		42	4.00
Prospect Hill	W. D. Blalock, S. J. Hall, W. P. Warren.....	2					2	34	6.85
Reidsville	Elder L. H. Hardy, A. J. Lambeth, E. R. Harris						1	25	8.35
Wolf Island	G. W. Carter, R. S. Sommers, J. H. Dye.....	1	1		5		3	51	6.00
	Totals.....	7	4	2	9	5	9	408	$56.65
	There is a mistake of $3.00 in this table but not having the letters I cannot tell where it is.....								3.00
									$59.65

MINUTES

OF THE

Upper Country Line

Primitive Baptists Association

Held With the Church At

Lickfork Church

Rockingham County, North Carolina

AUGUST 17, 18, 19, 1912.

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MINUTES

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Upper Country Line

Primitive Baptists Association

Held With the Church At

Lickfork Church

Rockingham County, North Carolina

AUGUST 17, 18, 19, 1912.

Proceedings.

SATURDAY MORNING.

1st. The introductory sermon was preached by Elder O. J. Denny from 1st, Cor. 15-55-56 and 57.

2nd. The Association convened and after praise and prayer by Elder J. A. Shaw the Association proceeded to business.

3rd. Elder L. H. Hardy was chosen moderator.

4th. Elders G. Denny, J. A. Monsees were chosen to preach to the people this afternoon.

5th. Correspondents and visitors from sister Associations and churches were invited to seats with us. The following were received: from Little River.

Kehukee—Elder J. A. Shaw.

Mayo—Elders G. M. Trent, J. P. Via, J. F. Spangler.

White Oak—Elder Isaac Jones.

Black Creek—Elder P. D. Gold and Brother C. B. Hall.

Baltimore—Elder J. T. Rowe.

Staunton River—Elders E. C. Oaks, J. E. Herndon, C. T. Evans, T. W. Walker and R. L. Dodson and others.

Lower Country Line—

Salem—Brother G. W. Long and A. J. Apple.

Fisher's River—Elder G. Denny and others.

Contentnea—Elder J. P. Tingle.

Smith's River—Minutes.

New River—Minutes.

Abott's Creeks—Minutes.

Greensboro Church—Elder O. J. Denny and Brother J. H. Combs and J. R. Jones.

Durham—(Col.) Minutes.

Whitewater—Elder J. R. Wilson.

6th. The messengers of LickFork church together with the moderator and clerk were chosen the committee of arrangements and Brethren E. R. Harris and T. A. Standfield were chosen the committee on finance.

7th. The letters from the several churches composing this Association were read and their standing recorded in the statistical table.

8th. The circular letter written by Brother C. A. Howard was received and ordered printed with our minutes.

9th. Petitionary letters were called for. None presented.

10th. The Association adjourned until nine o'clock Monday morning with benediction by Elder P. D. Gold.

Elder G. Denny preached from Is. 53-1 and Elder J. A. Monsees preached from Rev. 22-17 this afternoon.

SUNDAY MORNING.

Elder P. D. Gold preached from Eph. 4-15 and Elder J. T. Rowe preached from Isah. 32-1-2.

Afternoon.

Elder J. A. Shaw preached from John 4-1-43. and Elder Isaac Jones preached from Zech. 13-1 verse.

MONDAY MORNING.

1st. The Association met according to adjournment and after praise and prayer by Elder J. R. Wilson proceeded to business.

2nd. Elders J. P. Tingle, J. R. Wilson were chosen to preach to the people this morning.

3rd. Messengers who were appointed last year to visit sister Associations were called on to report. Some attended and those who did not were excused.

4th. Messengers were appointed to visit sister Associations at their next sessions as follows:

Little River—By minutes.

Kehukee—By minutes.

Mayo—Brothers J. M. Harris and G. W. Carter.

White Oak—Minutes.

Contentnea—Brother T. A. Standfield.

Black Creek—Brother S. J. Hall.

Staunton River—Brothers J. M. Harris and W. T. Dix, and Elder B. B. McKinney.

Lower County Line—Brethren A. J. Porterfield, W. P. Warren and S. J. Hall.

Abbott's Creek—Minutes.

Fisher's River—Minutes.

Smith's River—Minutes.

New River—Minutes.

5th. Brother E. R. Harris was requested to write a circular letter to be read on Saturday at our next Association.

6th. It was agreed that our next Association be held with the church at Pleasant Grove in Caswell County to begin at 10:30 o'clock on Saturday before the 3rd Sunday in August 1913. And Elder W. C. Jones was chosen to preach the introductory and S. H. Hardy alternate.

7th. It was agreed that a section meeting be held with the church at Prospect Hill on Friday, Saturday and 3rd Sunday in April 1913. Elders B. B. McKinney J. P. Johnson and L. H. Hardy.

And that another section meeting was appointed to be held with the church at Reidsvile on Friday, Saturday and the 4th Sunday in April 1913.

8th. The finance committee was called on to report which report is as follows:

Received from the churches this year.....	$50.10
Received from the congregation	47.95
	$98.05
Clerks fee	$10.00
Printing and mailing minutes	17.00
	$27.00

The report was received and the committee discharged.

9th. Our clerk was instructed to have 1,000 copies of these minutes printed and distributed among the churches composing this Association and among the Asociations with whom we corespond and that he receive $10.00 for his services.

10th. The minutes were read and adopted.

11th. The Association adjourned by prayer by Elder P. D. Gold.

S. J. HALL,
Clerk.

L. H. HARDY,
Moderator.

MAILING LIST TO CHURCH CLERKS.

	Post Office.	Minutes.
Arbor—J. E. Simmons,	Fitch, N. C., R. F. D. No. 1...	83
Big Meadow—Elder W. C. Jones,	Burlington, N. C.	

County Line—T. H. Rudd, Union Ridge, N. C., R. F. D. No. 1 18
Dan River—W. J. French, Reidsville, N. C., R. F. D. No. 3 40
Gilliams—J. W. Gilliam, Altamahaw, N. C., R. F. D. No. 4 40
Harmony—J. I. Clayton, Efland, N. C., R. F. D. No. 1 40
Lick Fork—C. L. Apple, Ruffin, R. F. D. No. 1. 58
Lynches Creek..W. R. Hawkins, Cedar Grove, N. C., R. F. D. No. 2. 25
McCray—A. G. Porterfield, Burlington, N. C., R. F. D. No. 3 30
Moons Creek—J. W. Neal, Danville, Va., R. F. D. No. 5 25
Pleasant Grove—T. A. Stanfield, McIver, N. C., R. F. D. No. 1 60
Prospect Hill—S. J. Hall, Cedar Grove, N. C. 50
Reidsville—E. R. Harris, Reidsville, N. C..... 50
Wolf Island..R. L. Sneed, Reidsville, N. C..... 100
Oak Grove—R. H. Jones, Yanceyville, N. C., R. F. D. No. 1 20

MAILING LIST TO SISTER ASSOCIATIONS.

Staunton River, 18; Kehukee, 44; Black Creek, 18; Contentnea, 25; White Oak, 18; Abbott's Creek, 14; Salem, 10; Lower Country Line, 15; Smith's River, 20; Little River, 21; Mayo, 20; Fisher's River, 20; New River, 20; Durham, (Col.) 10.

To the Brethren composing the Country Line Association being held with the church at Lickfork, N. C.:

I was appointed last year to write a circular letter to be attached to the minutes but it has been hard for me to get my mind collected on any one subject long enough to write anything for publication, so I have decided as this is my home church to have read before the body some lines that I wrote in the year 1907 but until recently did not expect to have them read in public. They are as follows:

"Why a Primitive Baptist?" For several months I have had impressions to write out why some thirty or more years ago I joined the Primitive Baptist church at Lickfork and this morning while alone I have decided to undertake the

task that my friends and especially my family which have grown up since that time might read and know how I was lead as I hope by the Spirit of the Lord. At that time I was living in Caswell County, N. C., near where I was raised, Some twelve miles from Danville, Va., my present home engaged in farming and selling goods in partnership with my brother and brother-in-law, and going from the store to my residence, a distance about one hundred yards, about noon one day it occurred to me very suddenly that I was without friends, that they had all turned against me and I here saw that I saw a sinner and before I knew it I was calling upon God to have mercy on me. This is a part of my travel that is hard to describe. I found myself walking past the house and I walked nearly a mile into a field of pines and then got down on my knees under the top of a pine tree for the first time in my life and tried to call upon God to have mercy on me, a poor lost sinner, for such I felt myself to be. This craving for relief did not stop here, for twelve months or more I was continually calling upon the Lord in secret prayer often while at my daily occupation or on my bed at night to give me some relief and I well remember one night before going to sleep I was getting alarmed at my condition and calling upon the Lord to relieve me and on awaking the next morning the best way I can describe it, my heart seemed to open like a book and was filled with praises to God and I was repeating this Scripture: "Blessed Are They That Mourn for They Shall Be Comforted." "Blessed Are They That Hunger and Thirst After Righteousness for They Shall Be Filled," and at that time I felt full and running over. From that time I had impressions to go to the church and offer for membership, but no special denomination or church presented itself, only the church of God. These impressions were so strong that I went to preaching at several places, but it seems that I got no food and I then went to Lickfork and Elder D. R. Moore preached. Up to this time no one knew my feelings and on this occasion the minister seemed to single me out and his whole discourse was to me and he told my feelings as well as I could myself, and I must confess that was the first sermon I ever heard preached. I had never been able to understand it before as then, and I thought surely from the reading of the Scriptures coupled

with my experience and the doctrine he preached that must be the church of God and from that time on there was a continual knocking at my heart to connect myself with this church and the impression was so strong that I soon offered. I was received and baptized by Elder James S. Dameron and my name is still registered on the church book at this place though I often feel to be a very unworthy member, not living up to the discharge of my duties as I would like to do, but I can't help loving this old church and its members and I feel sometimes that when I leave this world that I will be with Jesus and be like Him which will be enough. I have written the above to give my reasons for being what I am and to relieve my mind.

C. A. HOWARD.

RESOLUTIONS OF THANKS.

RESOLVED, that we extend our sincere thanks to the friends and neighbors of this community for their very kind and untiring efforts to make us welcome during the time of our stay with them.

RESOLVED, That we extend our thanks to the proprietors of the three warehouses in the city of Reidsville for their great kindness in furnishing us water during the meeting, and also to those who had the management of the water arrangement in their untiring efforts in keeping the water well supplied.

RESOLVED, That we condemn the conduct of those who did so much walking and talking around our congregation on Sunday, and we feel that our officers were very negligent to their duty in allowing such conduct when it was in their power to have kept order if they had tried.

RESOLVED, That we submit to the churches composing this association the question as to whether it is best for the association to continue to be held on Saturday, Sunday, and Monday as it is at present, or would it be the best to hold it on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday after the second Sunday in August?

We want the churches to consider these questions from the following standpoints:

1st. To rid the meeting of the terrible rabble that now attends on Sunday.

2nd. To let the pastors get back to their regular appointments for Saturday and Sunday, and

3rd. To enable us to have some of our several ministers who may visit us at the Associations to be with and preach for our several churches on Sunday. We ask the churches to consider this matter and make their report to us at our session in 1913.

RESOLVED, That we do heartily endorse the act of the Legislature of 1907 which incorporated our Association, and that we will ask our next State Legislature to amend that act so as to more closely define it and strengthen it by enlarging its powers.

RESOLVED, That we do heartily condemn and forbid every species of traffic, photographing, and every thing that would be erected for the purpose of making money on, or in one mile of the Association ground during the entire time of its sitting.

RESOLVED, That the churches be requested to state in their letters next year what is their mind about buying a tent for the use of the Association to use in the place of an arbor; and if they agree to buy one to say in their letters how much each church will pay on such a tent.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

Churches.	Names of Messengers.	Baptized	Rec. by Letter.	Restored.	Dis. by Letter.	Excluded.	Deceased.	No. in Fel.	Contributions.
Arbor.....	B. F. McKinney, G. W. Simmons and J. E. Simmons.....	2					5	60	1.50
Big Meadow...	Not Represented							21	
Country Line..	B. B. McKinney, T. H. Rudd.							9	.40
Dan River.....	W. G. Dix, G. T. Richmond and W. J. French.	3					1	27	2.00
Gilliams'.....	W. T. Bowest, J. W. Gilliam, Jr., and J. W. Gilliam, Sr.....						1	21	1.00
Harmony.....	Not Represented							18	
Lick Fork.....	C. A. Howard, P. A. Paschal and C. L. Apple.....						1	26	6.50
Lynches Creek	Wm. Warren and W. R. Hawkins.....		1					11	1.50
McCray.....	A. G. Porterfield, and Bob Netherly.....							16	2.00
Moon's Creek..	Eld. J. P. Johnson and Brother J. W. Neal.....							10	6.25
Oak Grove....	R. H. Jones and R. A. Poteate.....	2					1	10	.60
Pleasant Grove	P. M Walker, W. C. Apple and T. A. Standfield.....	1						43	4.10
Prospect Hill..	W. O. Blalock, S. J. Hall, W. P. Warren and J. W. Nelson Alternate	4					1	37	8.00
Reidsville.....	Eld. L. H. Hardy and Brethren J. M. Harris and E. R. Harris		2					27	10.00
Wolf Island...	G. W. Carter, J. H. Bennett and R. A. Smith.....				2		1	58	6.25
									$47.50

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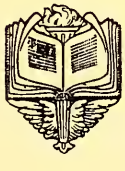

HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT

Pleasant Grove, Caswell Co., N. C.

August 16, 17 and 18, 1913.

PROCEEDINGS SATURDAY MORNING.

1. The introductory sermon was preached by Elder W. C. Jones from Eph. 2:1.

2. The Association convened, and after praise and prayer by Elder C. A. Davis, the Association proceeded to business.

3. Brother E. R. Harris was chosen Moderator.

4. Elders P. D. Gold and W. S. Flincham were chosen to preach to the people this afternoon.

5. Correspondents and visitors from Sister Associations and churches were invited to seats with us. The following were received:

From Little River—Elder J. E. Adams; From Kehukee—Eld. J. A. Shaw; From Mayo—Elders G. W. Trent and W. L. Flincham; From White Oak—Elder Isaac Jones; From Black Creek—Elder P. D. Gold; From Oakmulgee—Eld. W. J. Green; From Staunton River—Elder T. W. Walker; From Lower Country Line—By minutes; From Salem—Elder C. A. Davis; From Fisher's River—By minutes; From Contentnea—Elder J. P. Tingle; From Smith's River——Minutes; From New River—Elder P. G. Lester; From Abbotts Creek—Elder Samuel McMillon; From Greenville Church; From Seven Miles—Elder W. M. Monsees; From Durham, Col.—minutes.

6. The messengers of Pleasant Grove church, together with the Moderator and Clerk were chosen the committee of arrangements, and brethren G. W. Walker and S. J. Lambeth were chosen the committee on finance.

7. The letters from the several churches composing this Association were read and their standing recorded in the statistical table.

8. The circular letter written by Brother E. R. Harris was read and ordered printed with our minutes

9. Petitionary letters were called for. The church at New Hope, Rockingham county, was received into this Association.

10. The Association adjourned until 9 o'clock Monday morning with benediction.

Elder P. D. Gold preached from 103 Psalms 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 verses, and Elder G. W. Flincham preached from Mat. 1:21 verse.

SUNDAY MORNING.

Elder P. G. Lester preached from Rom. 8:10-11 veres, and Elder C. A. Davis preached from 119 Psalm 22 verse. Elder Samuel McMillon preached from Levit. 15:2 verse.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON.

Elder W. J. Green preached from "What Think Ye of Christ? and Elder W. M. Monsees preached from John 14:2, and Elder Isaac Jones preached fro A Fount Open to House of David.

MONDAY MORNING.

1. The Association met accirding to adjournment, and after praise and prayer by Elder P. G. Lester, proceeded to business.

2. Elders P. D. Gold and J. A. Shaw were chosen to preach to the people this morning.

3. Messengers who were appointed last year to visit Sister Associations were called on to report. Some attended, and those who did not were excused.

4. Messengers were then appointed to visit sister Associations at their next sessions as follows:

Little River—Minutes; Kehukee—Minutes; Mayo—R. S. Sumners, E. R. Harris and others; White Oak—Minutes; Contentnea—Minutes; Black Creek—Minutes; Staunton River—Bro. R. A. Cox; Lower Country Line—B. F. McKinney C. A. Howard and others; Abbotts Creek—Elder W. C. Jones; Fisher's River—Minutes; Smith's River—Bro. T. W. Rice; New River—Minutes; Durham—Col, Minutes.

5. Brother T. A. Stanfield was requested to write a circular letter to be read on Saturday at our next Association.

6. It was agreed that our next Association be held with the church at McCray, in Alamance county to begin at 10 o'clock on Saturday before the 3 Sunday in August, 1914, and Elder B. B. McKinney was chosen to preach the introductory sermon and Elder W. C. Jones, alternate.

7. It was agreed that a section meeting be held with the church at Arbor on Friday, Saturday and 2nd Sunday in April, 1914. Elders W. C. Jones and B. B. McKinney were chosen to attend. And that another section meeting was appointed to be held with the church at Wolf Island on 2nd Sunday in May, 1914. Elders W. C. Jones and B. F. McKinney were chosen to attend.

8. The finance committee was called on to report, which report is as follows:

Received from the churches	$47.30	
Received from the Congregation	$30.15	
		$77.45
Paid Clerks Fee	$10.00	
Paid for Printing and Mailing Minutes	$17.00	$27.00
		$50.45

The report was received and the committee discharged.

9. Our Clerk was instructed to have 1 000 copies of these minutes printed and distributed among the churches composing this association and among the associations with whom we correspond, and that he receive $10.00 for his services.

10. The minutes were read and adopted.

11. The Association adjourned by prayer.

E. R. HARRIS, Moderator.

S. J. HALL, Clerk.

MAILING LIST TO CHURCHES.

Arbor—J. E. Simmons, Fitch, N. C., R. 1, 83; Big Meadow—W. C. Jones, Burlington, N. C., 65; Country Line—T. H. Rudd, Union Ridge, N. C., R. 1, 18; Dan River—W. J. French, Reidsville, N. C., R. 3, 40; Gilliams—J. W. Gilliam, Altamahaw, N. C., R. F. D., 40; Harmony—J. I. Clayton, Efland, N. C., R. 1, 40; Lick Fork—Ruffin, N. C., R. 1, 58; Lynches Creek—W. R. Hawkins, Cedar Grove, N. C., R. 2, 25; McCray—A. G. Porterfield, Burlington, N. C., R. 3, 30; Moons Creek—J. W. Neal, Danville, Va., R. 5, 25; Pleasant Grove—T. A. Stanfield, McIver, N. C., R. 1, 60; Prospect Hill—S. G. Hall, Cedar Grove, N. C., 50; Reidsville—E. R. Harriss, Reidsville, N. C., 50; Wolf Island—R. L. Sneed, Reidsville, N. C., 100; Oak Grove—Yanceyville, N. C., R. 1 20; New Hope—J. S. Nowls, Reidsville, N. C., R. 6, 15.

MAILING LIST TO SISTER ASSOCIATIONS.

Staunton River 18; Kehukee 44; Black Creek 18; Contentnea 25; White Oak 13; Abbotts Creek 14; Salem 10; Lower Country Line 20; Smith's River 20; Little River 20; Mayo 20; Fishers River 20; New River 20; Durham, Col. 10.

RESOLUTIONS OF THANKS.

RESOLVED, that we extend our sincere thanks to the friends and neighbors of this community for their very kind and untiring efforts to make us welcome during the time of our stay with them.

RESOLVED, that we extend our thanks to the proprietors of the warehouses in the city of Reidsville for their great kindness in furnishing us water during the meeting, and also to those who had the management of the water arrangements in their untiring efforts in keeping the water well supplied.

Brethren C. A. Howard T. A. Stanfield and S. G. Hall were chosen a committee to meet at our next Association and rearrange the running of this association from one church to another.

CIRCULAR LETTER.

(By E. R. Harris.)

The Upper Country Line Primitive Baptist Association in session with the church at Pleasant Grove, Caswell county, N. C., August 16th, 17th, and 18th, 1913; To the several churches of which this Association is composed, sends Christian Greetings.

Dearly beloved in the Lord:—I find by referring to circular letters of the past that it was understood that the minutes of the Association furnish the churches with the proceedings of the body in session and the object of the circular letter is a Fraternal Greeting from the Association to the churches, and as I was appointed at our last Association to write the circular letter I have adopted this form for your consideration; not that we understand it is for the laying down of rules of order, or of establishing creeds or discussing disputed points of doctrine or anything calculated to bring confusion and discord into our midst. In the forty-eight years

that I have been connected with the Baptists we have, with few exceptions, been blessed with able and sound ministry. Therefore, we have not suffered from the effects of progressiveness and other harmful things that some of our less fortunate Brethren of other Associations have had to contend with; for which we should feel very thankful and often get down on our knees to our Heavenly Father and thank Him for his wonderful blessings.

The Psalmist says, "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for Brethren to dwell together in unity."

To behold these blessings it is needful for us to have Faith, for without Faith it is impossible to please God, or for Brethren to dwell together in unity. Therefore, we are dependent on the Lord for all blessings; our prayers avail nothing without Faith, and we are not able to behold Him only through Faith which is the gift of God. We read in the Scriptures that the effectual, fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much. Elias subject to like passion as we ore, proyed that it might not rain for a certain time and prayed again that it might rain. Both petitions were answered. The Lord gave him Faith, revealing His will; therefore, the effect. So the Spirit must reveal to our minds the will of God concerning that in which we are exercised. Therefore, we conclude that the blessing comes before the petition. Paul teaches that we know not what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit itself maketh intercessions for us with groanings which cannot be uttered, and He that searcheth the heart knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit because He maketh intercessions for the Saints according to the will of God. So our prayers must accord with God's will and for this to be, His will and purpose concerning us must be revealed to us, that we may hunger and thirst for that which he has in store for us; therefore the blessing preceeds the petition. "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for their's is the kingdom of Heaven." "Blessed are they that mourn for they shall be comforted, etc." Now, to have Faith to behold a risen, living Saviour, a salvation complete and full, enabling us to view the Church in unity of the Spirit, as the Psalmist says, "Behold it as being both good and pleasant, for where grace abounds over the aboundings of sin, there follows a manifestation of the unity of Spirit in the bonds of peace." It is this work of His Spirit that qualifies us to walk together as Brethren. May all our days be devoted to His service that we may live to the praise of the glory of His grace, and be kept by His power through Faith unto salvation, ready to be revealed in the last time.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

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Arbor	D. F. McKinney, T. W. Simmons and J. E. Simmons	1					1	60	1.50
Big Meadow	Elder W. C. Jones, J. F. Buckner, W. H. Johnson							21	2.00
Country Line	T. H. Rudd							9	.40
Dan River	R. A. Cox, T. W. Rice and G. L. Richmond	2				1	1	27	1.00
Gilliams	J. W. Gilliam, W. P. Bowles and E. Brook				1			20	1.00
Harmony	W. R. Clayton, W. A. Ward and W. R. Compton						3	15	1.50
Lick Fork	C. A. Howard P. L. Apple	1	6	1				20	1.00
Lynches Creek	Represented by Letter							11	1.50
McCray	Robt. Netherly and A. J. Porterfield							16	2.50
Moon's Creek	J. W. Neal, Elder J. H. Johnson							10	6.00
Oak Grove	R. H. Jones, J. W. Waltlington and R. A. Poteat							10	1.00
Pleasant Grove	P. M. Walker G. W Walker and T. A Stanfield	1					3	41	4.00
Prospect Hill	S. J. Hall, W. D. Blalock, W. P. Warren						1	36	5.50
Reidsville	T. W. Hopkins, A. J. Lambreth and E. R. Harris				3	1		23	5.00
Wolf Island	G. W. Carter, J. R. Smith and R. L. Sneed	1	1				2	58	5.00
New Hope	P. A. Pascal and F. M. Walker							8	1.50

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ALAMANCE COUNTY, N. C.

AUGUST 15, 16 and 17, 1914.

PROCEEDINGS.

Saturday Morning.

1. The introductory sermon was preached by Elder B. B. McKinnery from Phil. 2:12.

2. The Association convened and after praise and prayer by Elder P. D. Gold, the Association proceeded to business.

3. Brother E. R. Harris was chosen Moderator.

4. Elders M. B. Martin and C. A. Davis were chosen to preach to the people this afternoon.

5. Correspondents and visitors from sister Associations and churches were invited to seats with us. The following were received:

From Little River, minutes—J. E. Adams, R. E. Adams. From Kehukee, minutes. From Mayo—J. P. Via, Eld. G. M. Trent. From White Oak—Eld. Isaac Jones. From Black Creek, minutes—Eld. P. D. Gold, and Bro. C. B. Hall. From Oakmulgee—Minutes. From Staunton River, minutes—R. H. Lewis. From Lower Country Line, minutes—Eld. T. Y. Monk and Bro. H. E. Satterfield. From Salem, minutes—Eld. P. W. Williard, C. A. Davis. From Fisher River—Minutes. From Contenea, minutes—E. A. Stanfield. From Smith's River—Minutes. From New River—Minutes. From Abbotts Creek, minutes—E. Sykes. From Seven Mile—Eld. W. M. Monsees. From Mountain—Eld. M. B. Martin. From Durham—Col. by minutes.

6. The messengers of McCrays church together with the Moderator and Clerk were chosen the committee of arrangements, and brethren T. A. Stanfield and A. J. Lambeth were chosen the committee on finance.

7. The letters from the several churches composing this Association were read and their standing recorded in the statistical table.

8. The circular letter called for. The letter read, received and ordered printed with our minutes.

9. Petitionary letters were called for—Montecela church and Greensboro church.

10. The Association adjourned until 9 o'clock Monday morning with benediction.

Elder M. B. Martin preached from Math. 15:13. Elder

C. A. Davis preached from Math. 7:25 to 30.

Sunday Morning.

Elder P. D. Gold preached from Phil. 2:12. Elder J. T. Rowe from Iah. 55:10-11.

Sunday Afternoon.

Elder Isaac Jones preached from Salvation is of the Lord. Elder P. W. Williard preached from Rev. 221.

Monday Morning.

1. The Association met according to adjournment and after praise and prayer by Elder J. T. Rowe proceeded to business.

2. Elders A. G. Morton and M. B. Martin were chosen to preach to the people this morning.

3. Messengers who were appointed last year to visit sister Associations were called on to report. Some attended and those who did not were excused.

4. Messengers were then appointed to visit Associations at their next session as follows:

Little River—S. J. Hall. Kehukee—Minutes. Mayo—Brethren E. R. Harris and John Dye. White Oak—Minutes. Contentnea—Minutes. Black Creek—E. R. Harris. Staunton River—Eld. B. F. McKinney and Bro. R. A. Cox. Lower Country Line—Elders W. C. Jones. G. M. Trent and others. Salem—Brother J. W. Gilliam, Elder W. C. Jones and others. Abbotts Creek—Eld. W. C. Jones. Fishers River—Minutes. Smith's River—Minutes. New River—Minutes. Mountain—Minutes and Eld. W. C. Jones and E. R. Harris.

5. Brother B. F. McKinney was requested to write a circular letter to be read on Saturday at our next Asso.

6. It was agreed that our next Association be held with the church at Greensboro, Guilford county to begin at 10 o'clock on Saturday and 3rd Sunday and Monday in Aug. 1915. Elder C. F. Denny was chosen to preach the introductory sermon and Elder B. F. McKinney his alternate.

7. It was agreed that a section meeting be held with the church at New Hope on Friday, Saturday and 2nd Sunday in April, 1915. Elders W. C. Jones and B. F. McKinney and B. B. McKinney were chosen to attend, and that another section meeting was appointed to be held with the church at Big Meadow on 4th Friday, Saturday and Sun-

day in April, 1915.

8. The finance committee was called on to report, which report is as follows:

Received from the churches	$57.65	
Received from the congregation	$87.73	$145.38
Paid Clerks fee	$10.00	
Paid for printing and mailing minutes	$17.00	

The report was received and the committee discharged.

9. Our clerk was instructed to have 1,000 copies of these minutes printed and distributed among the churches composing this Association, and among the Associations with whom we correspond, and that he receive $10.00 for his services.

10. The minutes were read and adopted.

11. The Association adjourned and prayer by Elder M. B. Martin.

S. J. HALL, Clerk. E. R. HARRIS, Moderator.

Mailing List to Churches.

Arbor—J. E. Simmons, Fitch, N. C., R. 1.	83
Big Meadow—W. C. Jones, Burlington, N. C., R. 1	65
Country Line—T. H. Rudd, Union Ridge, N. C., R. 1	18
Dan River—	
Gilliams—J. W. Gilliam, Altamahaw, N. C., R. F. D.	40
Harmony—J. I. Clayton, Efland, N. C.—	
Lick Fork—	
Lynches Creek—W. R. Hawkins, Cedar Grove, N. C. R. 2,	25
McCrays—	
Moons Creek—	
Pleasant Grove—	
Prospect Hill—S. J. Hall, Cedar Grove, N. C.,	50
Reidsville—E. R. Harris, Reidsville, N. C.	50
Wolf Island—Reidsville, N. C.	100
Oak Grove—Yanceyville, N. C.	20
New Hope—Reidsville, N. C.	15

Mailing List to Sister Associations.

Little River, Kehukee, Mayo, White Oak, Black Creek, Oakmulgee, Staunton River, Lower Country Line, Salem, Fishers River, Contentnea, Smiths River, New River, Abbotts Creek, Durham, Col.

To the ministers and messengers that may compose the Upper Country Line Association, greeting:

About two months before our last Association convened, I was made to feel that I would be appointed to write the next circular letter, and this was the subject that was presented: "Let every man abide in the same calling wherein he was called." 1st Cor. 7:20. The apostle reminds us that we are to abide in the same calling, not another one.

We know there are diversities of gifts, but of the same Spirit. Cor. 12:4. And in Rom. 12:4, "For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office, so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another." So in the new testament, we have this set forth that though we have many gifts, we are of one body, and that body (the church) is governed by the Head (Jesus.' So gift should say to another one, we have no need of thee, or how he should use his gift. We are not to be the judge: but let us magnify our own gift—our own calling—and stay within the bonds of our land.

We notice that when Joshua took command of the Israelites they passed over Jordan and Canaan was allotted to them (the different tribes.) Boundary lines were given so each would know where his possession lay. This Canaan land is a type of the church, and we, as members of Christ's mystical body, have our possessions—our calling. We have no legal right to cross over these boundary lines and tell some onee else how he should preach or what his field is. It becomes necessary sometimes, for us (naturally) to post our lands, saying, "Posted! Keep Off!"

Now brethren, this should not be the case in this gospel land of ours. Yet it is posted by the Head of the church, for each has his boundary lines. If each one had had the same calling, there would have been no need of this division in Canaan, and, if there had been no danger of some one getting outside his calling, there would not have been any use of Paul's admonition for them to "abide in the same calling wherein he was called."

But we know that there are some not willing to abide in their calling—that think they not only know their field, but their brethren's field. Even in the days of Joshua, the sons of Joseph were not contented with what Joshua had given them, but go to him again and say: "We are the

sons of Joseph—we are a great people—this land is not enough for us." There seems to be a spirit of boasting over their ancestry. Because Joseph had been a great man—a ruler of Egypt—they wer to be looked up to—they were entitled to more. What did Joshua do? Yes, you are a great people—get you to the mountain country where there are giants and heavy timbers. To my mind that is to subdue those high exalted notions that live right in this old flesh of ours. Joshua did not take from another and give to these, but just gave them some territory that had not been taken up. To take up heavy timbered lands—in the mountain at that—is no easy task. Yet we know, by experience, that we have some territory in this old land of ours, that is very mountainous and is hard to possess, but by the command of our Spiritual Joshua, we can drive out these Canaanites, though they be in chariots of iron. Behold how pleasant it is to dwell together in unity. When we fight the enemy jointly, we gain the victory. Judah invites Simeon to come into his lot and help drive out the enemy, then in turn, Judah goes into Simeon's lot and helps Simeon.

They prevailed. "United we stand, divided we fall." Now dear brethren, I feel very little and unworthy to give the admonition thus given, but I hope it will be accpted in the same spirit it is given—in meekness.

Let us all strive to abide in the "same calling" wherein we were called.

With much love to the household of faith,

T. A. STANFIELD.

McIver, N. C., Jan. 3, 1914.

Resolutions of Thanks.

Having been highly favored of the Lord in blessing us with ideal weather, able preaching and ample accommodation, we desire to return thanks to God, and to the community for their hospitality in entertaining our Association.

S. J. HALL,

Assistant Clerk.

Resolved that the several churches composing the Upper Country Line Association be urged by their ministers and deacons to contribute more liberally to the Association fund, so that our finance committee will not be embarrassed

by having to solicit funds from our congregations as they have in the past.

S. J. HALL,
Assistant Clerk.

We, the committee, appointed to rearrange the running of the Upper Country Line Association find that we cannot better the running of it; but recommend that in the event that this Association should fail in the same neighborhood too often, that a committee be appointed to say where it should go, or left to the messengers of the Association to say.

T. A. STANFIELD,
S. J. HALL,
C. A. HOWARD.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

Churches	Names of Messengers.	Rec. by Bap.	Rec. by Letter	Restored.	Dis. by Let.	Excluded	Deceased.	Tot. Mem.	Contributions.
Arbor	Eld. B. F. McKinney, G. W. Simmons, J. E. Simmons	2			1		1	60	6.50
Big Meadow	Eld. W. C. Jones, W. H. Johnson, J. F. Berckener						2	19	1.50
Country Line	T. H. Rudd							9	.25
Dan River	W. G. Dix, T. W. Rice, W. F. Pruett	2		1			1	29	1.00
Gilliam	J. W. Gilliam, G. E. Brooks, J. W. Gilliam		1	1	3			20	1.00
Harmony	W. A. Ward, W. R. Compton, G. W. Brooks						1	12	1.55
Lick Fork	C. A. Howard, C. L. Apple							20	4.00
Lynches Creek	Wm. Warren, W. R. Hawkins							11	1.50
McCrays	A. G. Porterfield, Robt. Netherly							16	2.00
Moon's Creek	J. P. Johnson, J. W. Neal						1	9	6.00
Oak Grove									
Pleasant Grove	Eld. B. B. McKinney, G. W. Walker, T. A. S.	7						47	3.80
Prospect Hill	S. J. Hall, W. D. Blalock, W. P. Warren						1	35	9.05
Reidsville	T. W. Hopkins, J. A. Walker, E. R. Harris				5			18	5.00
Wolf Island	R. S. Summers, J. R. Smith, J. H. Dye	3	1				1	61	6.00
New Hope	P. A. Pascal, Jas. Allen, J. S. Noles	1					1	8	3.55
Monticela	A. J. Lambeth, Jno. Lambeth, Willie Lamb							11	2.00
Greensboro	Eld. C. F. Denny, J. H. Combs, Z. T. Brooks							31	2.50

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Greensboro

Guilford County

On August 14, 15 and 16, 1915

PROCEEDINGS.

SATURDAY MORNING.

1. The introductory sermon was preached by Elder O. J. Denny.

2. The association convened, and after praise and prayer the association proceeded to business.

3. Elder C. F. Denny was chosen moderator, S. E. Hall, clerk.

4. Elders G. O. Key and M. B. Martin were chosen to preach to the people this afternoon.

5. Correspondents and visitors from sister associations, and churches were invited to seats with us. The following were received:

From Little River—J. E. Adams, Alex Wiggs.

From Kehukee—J. A. Shaw.

From Mayo, W. A. Goety, H. F. Hutchens, J. F. Via, Jas. Trent and Elder G. W. Trent.

From White Oak—Elder Isaac Jones.

From Black Creek—Elders J. C. Hooks, P. D. Gold and Bro. C. B. Hall, and Bro. C. W. Gold.

From Baltimore—Elder Joshua Rowe.

From Mt. Eno—Bro. H. G. Welborn.

From Pig River—Elder J. W. Wyatt.

From Bear Creek—Elders H. M. Williams.

From Oakmulgee—

From Stanton River—Elders N. T. Oaks, C. T. Evans, Bro. W. H. Wilson.

From Lower Country Line—W. A. Warren, H. E. Satterfield, J. A. Carver.

From Salem—Elders P. W. Williard, G. A. Morton, J. A. Ashburn and C. A. Davis and others.

From Fisher's River—Elder G. O. Key.

From Contentnea—Elders G. M. Corbit, J. P. Tingle.

From Smiths River—

From New River—Elder P. G. Lester.

From Abbotts Creek—Brethren L. A. Wright, N. Tucker.

From Durham, (colored.)

From Mountain—Elder M. B. Martin.

6. The messengers of Greensboro Church, together with the moderator and clerk were chosen the Committee of

Arrangements; and Brethren I. J. Harris, T. A. Stanfield were chosen the Committee on Finance.

7. The letters from the several churches composing this association were read and their standing recorded in the Statistical Table.

8. The circular letter called for, the letter read, received and ordered printed with minutes.

9. Petitionary letters were called for.

10. The association adjourned until 9 o'clock Monday morning with

SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

Elder M. B. Martin preached from, "Ye must be born again.

Elder G. O. Key preached from, "We are His workmanship," etc.

Elder P. G. Lester at 7:45 preached from "The Lord is my shepherd," etc.

Elder J. A. Ashburn.

SUNDAY MORNING.

Elder P. D. Gold preached from, Matt. 13 chapter.

Elder J. T. Rowe preached from Matt. 1 23rd verse.

AFTERNOON.

Elder Isaac Jones, "Blessed are they that know the joyful sound."

Elder P. G. Lester Rev. 22 and 1st verse.

MONDAY MORNING.

1. The association met according to adjournment, and after praise and prayer by Elder ————, proceeded to business.

2. Elders J. C. Corbett, P. W. Williard, and J. C. Hooks, preached.

3. The messengers who were appointed last year to visit sister associations were called on to report; some attended, and those who did not were excused.

4. Messengers were appointed to visit sister associations at their next sessions as follows.

Little River—Minutes.

Kehukee—Minutes.

Mayo—Minutes.
White Oak—Minutes.
Contentnea—Minutes.
Black Creek—Minutes.
Stanton River—Elder J. W. Gilliam and Brother Tassitt.
Lower Country Line—Elders J. W. Gillam, B. F. McKinney.
Abbotts Creek—Elder W. C. Jones.
Fishers River—
Smith River—
New River—
Salem—Elder J. W. Gilliam, Jr.
Mountain—

5. Brother W. F. Pruitt was requested to write a circular letter to be read on Saturday at our next association.

6. It was agreed that our next association be held with the church at Dan River, Caswell County, to begin at 10 o'clock on Saturday before the third Sunday in August, 1916. Elder J. W. Gilliam, Jr., was chosen to preach the introductory sermon, and Elder B. F. McKinney his alternate.

7. It was agreed that a section meeting be held with the church at Monticello, beginning on Saturday before the second Sunday in April. Elders O. J. Denny, W. C. Jones attend.

And that another section meeting was appointed to be held with the church at McCray on third Saturday and Sunday in May. Elder O. J. Denny, Elder C. F. Denny and McKinney.

8. The Finance Committee was called on to report, which report is as follows:

Received from the churches	$55.00
Received from the congregation	40.85
Total	$95.85
Allowed for printing minutes	$17.00
Allowed for clerk's fee	10.00
For ministers	68.85

The report was received and the committee discharged:

9. The clerk was instructed to have 1,000 copies of these minutes painted and distributed among the churches com-

posing this association, and among the associations with whom we correspond and that he receive $10.00 for his services.

10. MAILING LIST TO CHURCHES. Minutes

Arbor—J. E. Simmons, F. O. Fitch, N. C., R. F. D. 1 62
Big Meadow—W. C. Jones, Burlington 25
Country Line—T. H. Rudd, Union Ridge, R. F. D. 1 10
Dan River—W. G. French, Reidsville, R. F. D. 3 40
Gilliams—J. W. Gilliam, Altamahaw, N. C., R. F. D. 1 .. 40
Harmony—J. I. Clayton, Efland, N. C. 30
Lick Fork—C. L. Apple, Ruffin, R. F. D. 1 30
Lynches Creek—W. R. Hawkins, Cedar Grove, N. C., R. F. D. 2 25
McCrays—A. G. Porterfield, Burlington, N. C., R. F. D. 3 20
Moons Creek—J. W. Neal, Danville, Va., R. F. D. 5 20
Pleasant Grove—T. A. Stanfield, McIver, N. C., R. F. D. 1 42
Prospect Hill—S. J. Hall, Cedar Grove, N. C. 50
Reidsville—E. R. Harris, Reidsville, N. C. 50
Wolf Island—R. L. Sneed, Reidsville, N. C. 50
Oak Grove—R. H. Jones, Yanceyville, N. C., R. F. D. 1 15
New Hope—P. A. Pascal, Reidsville, N. C., R. F. D. 6 .. 40
Monticello—A. J. Lambeth, Brown Summit, N. C. 20
Greensboro—L. I. Harris, Greensboro, N. C. 40

CHURCHES, CLERKS AND THEIR POSTOFFICES.

Arbor—J. E. Simmons.
Big Meadow—Elder W. C. Jones, Burlington, N. C.
Country Line—T. H. Rudd.
Dan River—W. G. Dix.
Gilliams—J. W. Gilliam, Sr.
Harmony—J. I. Clayton, Efland, N. C.
Lick Fork—C. A. Howard, Danville, Va.
Lynches Creek—W. R. Hawkins, Cedar Grove, N. C.
McCrays, Mrs. Ella F. Porterfield, Burlington, N. C.
Moons Creek—J. W. Neal, Danville, Va.
Oak Grove—
Pleasant Grove—T. A. Stanfield.
Prospect Hill—S. J. Hall, Cedar Grove, N. C.
Reidsville—E. R. Harris, Reidsville, N. C.
Wolf Island—R. L. Sneed.
New Hope—J. S. Noles.

Monticello—J. J. Lambeth.
Greensboro—L. J. Harris, Greensboro, N. C.

To the Messengers and Visitors Who May Compose the Upper Country Line Primitive Baptist Association,
Dear Brethren:—

By request I shall endeavor to write a circular letter to be read in your hearing. If I have any subject at all to base what I shall write upon, it will be found in Romans, 8th chapter and 28th verse, and we know that all things work together for good to them that love God; to them who are called according to his purpsoe. Now, we see the apostle in the beginning of this chapter, speaks plainly that there is therefore now no condemnation to them who are in Christ Jesus who walk not after the flesh but after the spirit. This address was according to my mind to the church showing plainly that his children will not be eternally condemned (we hear the same writer in speaking to the church at Rome that whom the Lord did foreknow He did predestinate to be conformed to the image of His Son, and those He did call we hear (John) saying what manner of love hath the Father bestowed upon us that we should be called the sons of God. In this we see the love of God manifest proving that they are one in Christ and they have no confidence in the flesh. Now we see all this is done according to His own purpose and grace which was given them in Christ before the world began, and they must be quickened into divine life. We as poor finite creatures have realized in our own personal experience that we knew nothing about God until we were quickened by His spirit. We were walking as aliens from Him and strangers to his grace, rolling sin as a sweet morsel under our tongue and trampling His mercy under our unhallowed feet, but God who is rich in mercy with His great love wherewith he hath loved us even when we were dead in t[illegible]asses and in sin has quickened us together and made us to sit together in heavenly in Christ. We notice the word "hath" has a particular meaning. Jesus says thine, they were and thou gavest them me and I believe that His children were with Him in the beginning and he purposed to give them to his son that he might redeem them and we see that they are not redeemed with

corruptible things such as silver and gold, but by the precious blood of Christ, and Jesus had this glory with His Father even before the world was and the apostle could willingly say that all things work together for good to them that love God, etc.

I well remember the next morning after I was delivered of that heavy burden which bore me down about (4 years.) The text that I have mentioned in the outset came into my mind. I felt then that I did love God more than all the things on earth. These words also came in my mind. "Surely, goodness and mercy have followed me all the days of my life." This early one morning a bout the dawn of the rising sun it seemed that it shone different from what it did before, everything seemed to be praising the Lord. Bretheren that was a time of rejoicing to me, may the Lord's blessings be with you all is my prayer.

Your brother in prayer,

B. F. McKINNEY.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

Churches	Names of Messengers.	Rec. Exp. Bap.	Rec. by Let.	Restored	Dis. by Let.	Excluded	Deceased	Total Mem.	Contributions
Arbor	G. W. Simmons and Elder B. F. McKinney	5					2	62	3.00
Big Meadow	Elder W. C. Jones, W. H. Johnson and Albert Whitfield				2		1	16	1.50
Country Line	T. H. Rudd							9	.25
Dan River	W. G. Dix, W. F. Pruitt and R. A. Cox	2		3		1		31	1.60
Gilliams	Jno. W. Gilliam, Jr., Jno. W. Gilliam, Sr., and C. E. Brooks	1			1			20	1.50
Harmony	W. A. Ward, W. R. Compton and J. I. Clayton	1					1	12	1.50
Lick Fork	C. A. Howard and C. L. Apple	1						21	1.50
Lynches Creek	W. R. Hawkins, Will Warren						1	10	1.00
McCrays	Brother A. G. Porterfield and Robert Netherly					1	1	16	2.50
Moons Creek	J. W. Neal						2	7	3.00
Oak Grove	(Blank)								
Pleasant Grove	(Blank)	5				1	1	50	1.50
Prospect Hill	S. G. Hall, W. D. Blalock and W. P. Warren		1					38	4.00
Reidsville	J. A. Walker, J. T. Thompson		1					21	5.00
Wolf Island	J. R. Stone, G. W. Carter and Jno. R. Smith				1	1	2	57	5.00
New Hope	Jas. Allen, A. B. McKinney and P. A. Paschal	12						19	1.00
Monticello	J. J. Lambeth, W. D. Lambeth and A. J. Lambeth	2						19	5.00
Greensboro	Z. T. Brooks, J. B. Combs, and L. J. Harris		1		3			30	5.00

MINUTES

OF THE

10th Annual Session

OF THE

Upper Country Line

Primitive Baptist Association

HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT

DAN RIVER

Rockingham County, North Carolina

August 19, 20, and 21st, 1916.

OFFICERS

E. R. Harris, Moderator ..... Reidsville, N. C.

Elder J. W. Gilliam, Clerk ..... Altamahaw, N. C.

R. L. Snead, Ass't Clerk ..... Reidsville, N. C

Proceedings of the

UPPER COUNTRY LINE ASSOCIATION

Saturday Morning, August 19th, at 10 o'clock.

1st. The introductory sermon was preached by Elder J. W. Gilliam from The General Epistle of Jude, 3rd verse, and was followed by Elder J. A. Shaw, of Kehukee Association, who preached from Philippians, 2d Chapter, 9th and 10th verses.

2nd. After an intermission, the Association convened, and after praise and prayer by Elder P. D. Gold, of the Black Creek ssociation, proceeded to business. On motion brother E. R. Harris was chosen Moderator, and Elder J. W. Gilliam, Clerk, and brother R. L. Snead, Ass't Clerk.

3rd. Petitionary letters called for, but none received.

4th. The Moderator appointed Elders E. C. Stone and Samuel McMillon to go to the stand and preach to the people.

5th. Messengers and visitors from sister Associations were invited to take seats with us, whereupon the following were received:

From Little River, Elder W. M. Monsess.

From Black Creek, Elder P. D. Gold and Elder J. W. Wyatt, and C. B. Hall.

From Fisher's River, Minutes.

From Wite Oak, Elder Isaac Jones, and Minutes.

From Mayo, Elders J. R. Wilson, J. F. Spangler, and G. W. Trent, and Bro. J. W. Moorefield, and Minutes.

From Lower Country Line, Brother H. E. Satterfield, and Minutes.

From Abbott's Creek, Elder Samuel McMillon, and Minutes.

From Contentnea, Elder J. P. Tingle, and brethren E. A. Stanfield and J. T. Lewis and Minutes.

From Pig River, Elder A. B. Philpot and Elder F. L. Egleston, and brethren Thomas Eanes, J. W. Ramsey, and Allen Eagleton.

From Smith's River. Not represented.

From Stanton River, Elders W. R. Dodd and T. N. Oakes.

From New River, Elder P. G. Lester.

From Mill Branch, Brother L. O. Hinson.

From Baltimore, Elder J. T. Rowe.

From Bear Creek, Minutes.

From Salem, Elder W. A. Gourley, and Minutes.

From Mountain, Minutes.

From Durham Association (Col) Minutes.

6th. The Messengers of Dan River Church, together with the Moderator and Clerk, were chosen the Committee on Arrangements, and brethren R. S. Somers and W. F. Pruitt were appointed a Committee on Finance.

7th. On motion, the Clerk was instructed to notify Sister J. W. Neal of Moon's Creek Church, to take charge of certain funds belonging to Moon's Creek Church which were left in her hands by the death of her husband, and to keep proper record of same.

8th. Letters from the several churches composing the Association were read, and their standing was recorded in the statistical table of this minute.

9th. The circular letter written by Bro. W. F. Pruitt was called for, read, received and ordered printed in our minutes.

10th. On motion the Association adjourned to meet Monday morning, August 21st, 1916, at 9 o'clock.

E. R. HARRIS,
Moderator.

Elder J. W. GILLIAM, Clerk.
R. L. SNEAD, Ass't Clerk.

Monday Morning, August 21st, 1916.

11th. The Association met according to appointment, and after praise and prayer by Elder P. D. Gold, of the Black Creek Association, proceeded to business.

12th. The messengers who were appointed last year to visit Sister Associations were called upon to report. The reports were very satisfactory, and those who did not attend were excused.

13. Messengers were appointed to visit Sister Associations at their next session, as follows:

Little River, Elder J. W. Gilliam.

Kehukee, Brother J. R. Smith.

Mayo, Elder W. F. Pruitt and brother R. S. Somers.

White Oak, Minutes.

Contentnea, Brethren T. A. Stanfield and E. R. Harris.

Black Creek, Minutes.

Stanton River, Elder J. W. Gilliam.

Lower Country Line, Elder B. F. McKinney, and brethren W. F. Pruitt and W. P. Warren.

Abbott's Creek, Brother J. R. Smith.

Fisher's River, Minutes.

Smith's River, Minutes.

New River, Minutes.

Salem, Brethren J. A. Walker, W. F. Pruitt, R. P. Somers and P. A. Paschal.

Mountain, Minutes.

Durham Association (Col) Minutes.

14th. Brother R. S. Somers was requested to write a Circular Letter to be read on Wednesday, at our next Association.

15th. On motion it was agreed that our next Association be held with the Church at New Hope, Rockingham County, to begin at 10 o'clock on Wednesday before the third Sunday in August, 1917, and continue three days, and Elder O. J. Denny be chosen to preach the introductory sermon, B F. McKinney as his alternate.

16th. It was agreed that a Section Meeting he held with the Church at Gilliam's, beginning on Saturday before the fourth Sunady in May, 1917, and continue two days. Elders C. J. Denny and B. F. McKinney were chosen to attend.

17th. It was agreed that a Section Meeting be held with the Church at Lynches' Creek, beginning on Friday before the second Sunday in April, 1917, and continue three days. Elders J. A. Herndon and W. C. Jones were chosen to attend.

18th. The Finance Committee was called upon to report, which report was as follow:s

Received from the Churches	$52.90
Received from Friends in the Congregation	10.80
Total	$63.70

Expenditures

For Printing and Postage	$17.00
Allowed Clerk for Services	10.00
Amount given visiting brethren	36.70
Total	$63.70

The report of the Finance Committee was received, and

the Committee was discharged.

19th. Ordered that our Clerk have one thousand of these minutes printed, and distributed with the Churches of this Association, and with the Sister Associations with whom we correspond.

20th. Feeling that we have been wonderfully favored and blessed with able preaching:

Therefore be it resloved,

Mailing List to Churches	No. Minutes
Arbor—J. E. Simmons, Fitch, N. C., Route No. 1	62
Big Meadow—Elder W. C. Jones, Burlington, N. C	25
Country Line—T. H. Rudd, Union Ridge N. C., Route 1	10
Dan River—W. J. French, Reidsville, N. C., Route 3	40
Gilliam's—J. W. Gilliam, Altamahaw, N. C., Route 1	40
Marmony—J. I. Clayton, Efland, N. C.	30
Lick Fork—C. L. Apple, Reidsville, N. C., Route 6	30
Lynches Creek—W. R. Hawkins, Cedar Grove, N. C., R 2	25
McCrays—A. G. Porterfield, Burlington, N. C., Route 3	20
Moons Creek—Mrs. J. W. Neal, Danville, Va., Route 5	20
Pleasant Grove—T. A. Stanfield, McIver, N. C., Route 1	42
Prospect Hill—S. J. Hall, Cedar Grove, N. C.	50
Reidsville—E. R. Harris, Reidsville, N. C.	50
Wolf Island—R. L. Snead, Reidsville, N. C.,	50
Oak Grove—J. W. Watlington, Yanceyville, N. C., R 1	15
New Hope—J. S. Nole, Reidsville, N. C., Route 6	40
Monticello—A. J. Lambeth, Elon College, N. C.	20
Greensboro—L. I. Harris, Greensboro, N. C.	40

List of the Churches composing the Upper Country Line Primitive Baptist Association, with order of rotation since its organization:

Churches	When last held.
Harmony	1907
Reidsville	1908
Gilliam's	1909
Oak Grove	1910
Lynches Creek	1911
Lick Fork	1912
Pleasant Grove	1913
McCrays	1914
Greensboro	1915

Dan River 1916
New Hope, Appointed for 1917
Prospect Hill .....
Wolf Island .....
Big Meadows .....
Monticello .....
Moons Creek .....
Country Line .....

Mailing List to Sister Associations

Little River, Kehukee, Mayo, White Oak, Black Creek, Contentnea, Stanton River, Lower Country Line, Abbott's Creek, Fishers River, Smith's River, New River, Salem, Pig River, Mountain, Durham Association (Col), Baltimore, Bear Creek, and Mill Branch.

1st. That we return thanks to God for this and for many other blessings enjoyed.

2nd. That we extend our thanks to the friends and neighbors of this community for their very kind and untiring efforts to welcome us during the time of our stay with them.

3rd. That we extend our thanks to the warehousemen for their kindness in furnishing us with water during the Association, and for their untiring efforts in keeping same well suplied.

4th. That we extend our thanks to the Sheriff and other o..cers for keeping good order for us during the Association.

5th. That we express our regrets that our brother and former Clerk, brother S. J. Hall, is too feeble to attend our Association. We miss his presence, his wise counsel, and his efficient services as Clerk, which position he has held for many years, and we pray the blessings of the Lord to rest upon him in his afflictions.

PREACHING

Saturday Afternoon:

Elder E. C. Stone, Psalms 89:15.
Elder Samuel McMillon. Heb. 8:6.
Elder W. M. Monsess. John 6:37.
Elder J. R. Wilson. 2 Peter 1:3.

Sunday Morning:

Elder P. D. Gold. 2 Cor. 3:14.

Elder J. A. Rowe. Isaih 55: 10th and 11th.

Elder P. G. Lester. Rom. 7:24.

Sunday Afternoon:

Elder A. B. Philpot. Hosea 13:14.

Elder Isaac Jones. Gen. 28:16.

Elder R. L. Mabe. Rev. 22:16.

Elder W. A. Gourley. Deu. 33:29.

Monday Morning:

Elder J. W. Wyatt. John 14:6.

Note: The Clerk did not get a record of the preaching on Saturday night and Sunday night.

CIRCULAR LETTER

Very Dear Brethren: As it has been the custom of our Association to appoint some-one to write a circular letter to be read, the Moderator at our last Session appointed me to this task, and I will try to discharge same, but I feel very sensibly my weakness, and I trust you will throw the mantle of charity over my imperfections.

I will try to write from a passage of Scripture which seems to be upon my mind, and may be found by reference to John 13:17. "If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them." The ye that is found in this scripture three times goes to show conclusively that it is addressed to a special people. Like all scriptures, it is written for the comfort and benefit of God's dear people, and for their guidance while here in this world. We enjoy the saving efficacy that is produced by obedience while we stay in this world of sorrow and tribulation if we follow the admonition given, and that which was written afore time was written for our learning that we through patience andd comfort of the scriptures might have hope as one of the writers has put it. The apostle was, no doubt, calling special attention to the ordinance of foot-washing, which shows the great love and humility that always characterized his travel while in this world. We see that great spirit of love in all that he did. There are many things that come in connection with this subject. I believe it is right for the saints to wash one another's feet, but my mind seems to lead to speak of other things. The subject presents itself with special reference

to our walk in life. I have thought a great deal on this subject, since I have had a desire to walk in a way that I would have the answer of a good conscience towards God. James says, if we be a doer of the work we shall be blessed. that takes us off the stool of do-nothing. We are taught that we should abstain from meats fit for idols. I understand that means we are to let things alone that the Lord says let alone, or leave off, or in other words we should not go into things that are condemned in the scriptures, but obey the commands given—the things we shall be happy in doing. The Bible is a thorough furnisher to every good work. We are to leave off the things that we do not have a thus saith the Lord for. We should not try to introduce new things, but rather be content with the old paths. Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls. The old paths are good enough for all the house-hold of faith, and ye will be happy if ye do these things. Duty is important, and I don't like to hear it lightly spoken of, because we find it taught in God's blessed book. In doing our duty, we should admonish those who go astray, but remember that we are poor dependant creatures. Leaving off all malice, envy, and hatred, because this not well pleasing in the sight of Our Saviour. Luke saith, "Whosoever cometh to me and hearth my saying and doeth them, I will show you to whom he is like; he is like a man which built an house, and digged, and laid the foundation on a rock," etc. This doesn't mean to dive into things you know nothing about, but follow the plain paths of duty, such things as you feel our Savior has required at your hands, and ye will be happy. Obedience from a heart of love. Greater love hath no man than that a man lay down his life for his friends, and it becomes us to lay down our lives for our brethren. If God impresses one to go and preach, he will be happy if he goes in discharge of his duty. When he impresses his little ones to go to the church, they will be happy when they go. If it is to administer to the poor, or visit the sick, they will be happy in obedience. We are commanded to visit the fatherless and the widows in their afflictions, and to keep ourselves unspotted from the world. So it would seem that God has assigned us enough to keep us busy.

Brethren, please look over my imperfections and pray for

me, and may the God of all grace keep you by his mighty power through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

Your little brother I hope,

W. F. PRUITT.

STATISTICAL TABLE

Churches	Names of Messengers.	Rec'd E. & B	Rec'd by Let.	Restored	Dis. by Let.	Excluded	Deceased	Total Memb.	Contributions
Arbor	Elder B. F. McKinney, P. T. Walker, Simmons,	2	1					3	62	6.85
Big Meadows	Elder W. C. Jones, Bro. Buckner and Johnson						1	14	1.65
Country Line	Brother T. H. Rudd							9	.25
Dan River	W. G. Dix, R. A. Cox and R. H. Pruitt	5				1	1	34	1.00
Gilliam's	Elder J. W. Gilliam, McKinney and Gilliam	1						21	1.00
Harmony	J. I. Clayton, G. W. Brooks, W. A. Ward			1			1	10	.75
Lick Fork	C. A. Howard and C. L. Apple							21	1.50
Lynch's Creek	W. R. Hawkins, Wm. Warren							10	1.50
McCray's	Brother A. G. Porterfield							16	2.00
Moon's Creek	Elder J. P. Johnson, Elder C. T. Evans						1	6	1.00
Oak Grove	J. W. Watlington, R. A. Poteat, R. H. Jones							9	1.70
Pleasant Grove	Elder B. B. McKinney, Walker and Standfield	3		1				54	4.00
Prospect Hill	S. J. Hall, W. P. Warren, and W. D. Burch	1					2	35	5.65
Reidsville	J. A. Walker, J. T. Thompson, and E. R. Harris	1	6				2	26	5.00
Wolf Island	G. W. Carter, P. N. Stone and R. S. Somers			1	7	1	1	49	5.00
New Hope	A. B. McKinney, P. A. Paschal and J. I. Robinson	6						25	5.05
Monticello	J. J. Lambeth and W. D. Lambeth	1						13	5.00
Greensboro	J. H. Combs and J. R. Jones	2			2			30	4.00
	Total	22	7	2	10	2	12	444	$52.90

MINUTES

Of The

11th Annual Session

Of The

Upper Country Line Primitive Baptist Association

HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT

NEW HOPE

ROCKINGHAM COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

AUGUST 15, 16 and 17, 1917

OFFICERS:

E. R. HARRIS, Moderator, Reidsville, N. C.
J. W. GILLIAM, Jr., Clerk, Altamahaw, N. C.
R. L. SNEAD, Assistant Clerk, Reidsville, N. C.

THE FLOWERS COLLECTION

PROCEEDINGS OF THE

UPPER COUNTRY LINE ASSOCIATION

Wednesday Morning, August 5th, at 10 o'clock

1. The introductory sermon was preached by Elder O. J. Denny from Rom. 5:19-20-21 and was followed by Elder L. H. Hardy.

2. After an intermission, the Association convened, and after praise and prayer by Elder P. D. Gold, proceeded to business. On motion Bro. E. R. Harris was chosen Moderator, and J. W. Gilliam, Jr., Clerk, and Bro. R. L. Snead assistant clerk.

3. Petitionary letters were called for, but none received.

4. The Moderator appointed Elders T. B. Lancaster and C. A. Davis to go to the stand and preach to the people.

5. Messengers and visitors from sister associations were invited to take seats with us, whereupon the following were received:

From Little River—Not represented except by minutes.
From Black Creek—Elder P. D. Gold and others, Minutes.
From Fisher's River—By Minutes only.
From White Oak—Elder Isaac Jones and Minutes.
From Mayo—Elders J. F. Sprangler, G. M. Trent and others, Minutes.
From Lower Country Line—They appointed Elders Gold and Isaac Jones and Minutes.
From Abbott's Creek—By Minutes.
From Contentnea—Bro. E. A. Stanfield and others, Minutes.
From Pig River—Elder F. L. Egleton and Minutes.
From Smith's River—Not represented—Minutes.
From Staunton River—Elders W. R. Dodd and T. M. Oakes.
From New River—By Minutes only.
From Mill Branch—Not represented.
From Baltimore—Not represented.
From Bear Creek—Minutes.
From Salem: Elders P. W. Willard, C. A. Davis and Minutes.
From Mountain—Minutes only.
From Durham Association (Col.)—Minutes.

6. The messengers of New Hope church, together with the Moderator and Clerk, were chosen the Committee on Arrangements, and Brethren T. A. Stanfield and Andy Paschall were appointed a committee on Finance.

7. Letters from the several churches composing the Upper Country Line Association were read, and their standing was recorded in the statistical table of this minute.

8. The circular letter written by brother R. S. Somers was called for, read, received, and ordered printed in our minutes.

9. On motion the Association adjourned to meet Friday morning, August 17, 1917, at 9 o'clock

E. R. HARRIS, Moderator,
J. W. GILLIAM, Jr., Clerk,
R. L. SNEAD, Assistant Clerk.

Friday Morning, August 17, 1917

10. The Association met according to appointment, and after praise and prayer by Elder P. D. Gold of Black Creek Association proceeded to business.

11. The messengers who were appointed last year to visit Sister Associations were called upon to report. The reports were very satisfactory, and those who did not attend were excused.

12. Messengers were appointed to visit Sister Associations at their next session, as follows:

Seven Mile—Elder J. W. Gilliam, Jr.
Little River—J. W. Gilliam, Jr., and others.
Kehukee—
Mayo—
White Oak—
Contentnea—
Black Creek—
Staunton River—
Lower Country Line—
Abbott's Creek—J. W. Gilliam, Jr., and others.
Fisher's River—
Smith's River—
New River—
Salem—J. W. Gilliam, Jr., and others.
Mountain—
Durham Association (Col.)—Minutes.

13. Brother R. L. Snead was requested to write a Circular Letter to be read on Wednesday, at our next association.

14. On motion it was agreed that our next Asociation be held with the church at Moon's Creek, to begin at 10 o'clock on Wednesday before the third Sunday in August, 1918, and continue three days, and Elder J. W. Gilliam, Jr., was chosen to preach the introductory sermon, with Elder B. F. McKinney as his alternate.

15. It was agreed that a Section meeting be held with the church at Lick Fork, beginning on Saturday before 1st Sunday in May, and continue two days. Elders B. B. McKinney and W. F. Pruitt and J. W. Gilliam, Jr., were chosen to attend.

16. It was agreed that a section Meeting be held with the church at Prospect Hill, beginning on Saturday before 4th Sunday in May, and continue two dyas .Elders J. A. Herndon, J. W.

Gilliam, Jr., and B. F. McKinney were chosen to attend.

17. The Finance Committee was called upon to report, whose report was as follows:

Received from churches	$63.30
Received from friends in the congregation	23.65
Total	$86.95

EXPENDITURES:

For printing and postage	$25.00
Allowed Clerk for Services	10.00
Amount given visiting brethren	51.95
Total	$86.95

The report of the Finance Committee was received, and the committee was discharged.

18. Ordered that our Clerk have one thousand of these minutes printed, and distributed with the churches of this Association, and with the sister Associations with whom we correspond.

19. Feeling that we have been favored with able preaching, and blessed in many other ways to richly enjoy the Association now drawing rapidly to a close. Be it resolved, therefore:

1. That we return thanks to God for these blessings enjoyed.

2. That we extend our thanks to the brethren, friends and neighbors of this community for their very kind welcome and splendid hospitality during our stay with them.

3. That we extend our thanks to the warehousemen for their kindnes in furnishing us with water during the Association, and especially for their untiring efforts in keeping same well supplied.

4. That we extend to the Sheriff and other County officers our thanks for their good efforts in maintaining order for us during the Association.

Mailing List to Churches	No. Minutes.
Arbor, J. E. Simmons, Fitch, N. C., R. No. 1	62
Big Meadows—Elder W. C. Jones, Burlington, N. C.	25
Country Line—T. H. Rudd, Union Ridge, N. C., R. No. 1	10
Dan River—Elder W. F. Pruitt, Ruffin, N. C.	40
Gilliam's—J. W. Gilliam, Altamahaw, N. C., R. No. 1	40
Harmony—J. I. Clayton, Efland, N. C.	30
Lick Fork—C. L. Apple, Reidsville, N. C., R. No. 6	30
Lynches Creek—W. R. Hawkins, Cedar Grove, N. C., R. No. 2	25
McCrays—A. G. Porterfield, Burlington, N. C., R. No. 3	20
Moons Creek—Mrs. J. W. Neal, Danville, Va., R. No. 5	20
Pleasant Grove—T. A. Stanfield, McIver, N. C., No. 1	45
Prospect Hill—W. D. Blalock, Prospect Hill, N. C.,	50
Reidsville—E. R. Harris, Reidsville, N. C.	50
Wolf Island—R. L. Sneed, Reidsville, N. C.	50
Oak Grove—J. W. Watlington, Yanceyville, N. C., R. No. 1	15

New Hope—J. S. Nole, Reidsville, N. C., R. No. 6_____50
Monticello—J. J. Lambeth, Elon College, N. C._____20
Greensboro—L. I. Harris, Greensboro, N. C._____40

List of the churches composing the Upper Country Line Primitive Baptist Association, with order of rotation since its organization:

Churches	When last held
Harmony	1907
Reidsville	1908
Gilliam's	1909
Oak Grove	1910
Lynches Creek	1911
Lick Fork	1912
Pleasant Grove	1913
McCrays	1914
Greensboro	1915
Dan River	1916
New Hope	1917
Moons Creek	1918
Prospect Hill	
Wolf Island	
Big Meadows	
Monticello	
Moons Creek	
Country Line	

Mailing List to Sister Churches

Little River, Kehukee, Mayo, White Oak, Black Creek, Contentnea, Staunton River, Lower Country Line, Abbott's Creek, Fishers River, Smith's River, New River, Salem, Pig River, Mountain, Durham Association (Col.), Baltimore, Bear Creek, and Mill Branch.

PREACHING

Wednesday afternoon:
1st—Elder T. B. Lancaster.
2nd—C. A. Davis.
3rd—Elder F. L. Egleston at 5 o'clock p. m.
Thursday morning:
1st—Elder P. D. Gold
2nd—E. C. Stone.
3rd—Elder Isaac Jones.
Thursday Afternoon:
1st—Elder P. W. Willard.
2nd—Elder Isaac Jones.

2nd—N. T. Oakes
3rd—Elder J. W. Flinchum.
4th—Elder J. F. Spangler at 5 o'clock p. m.
Friday Morning:
1st—Elder F. L. Egleton

CIRCULAR LETTER

To the Churches and Brethren composing the Upper Country Line Association, in session with the Church at New Hope, Rockingham County, Greeting:

Our Moderator at our last Association appointed me to write the Circular Letter. It is in much weakness that I attempt to do so at this time, and I trust that the brethren will bear with me while I try to stir up their pure minds by putting them in remembrance of our certain duties.

In the general Epistle of Jude, 21st verse, "Keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the Mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life." The phrase, "In the love of God," has two significations. First, his love to us as follows. We love Him because He first loved us, the love of God having shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost, which is given unto us. We are persuaded that nothing shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus the Lord. We know nothing of the Lord or His dealings with men until He made it manifest unto us—the kindness and love of God appeared, manifesting the love of God. Secondly, Our love to God. Love begets love. He that is begotten loveth him that begetteth. Those who are not born of God have not the love of God in their hearts. John says, If you love God keep His commandments. Again, he that loveth God keepeth His commandments. This teaching does not imply that the person within himself is able to perform what is commanded without divine aid. The true principle is taught by the apostle Paul when he said, "Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God that worketh in you both to will and to do of His own good pleasure," etc.

Brethren, we get from this lesson that God so loved us that He gave His own Son for us, putting away sin by the sacrifice of himself, and hath forever perfected them that are sanctified by His spirit. In regeneration we are led to know him whom to know is life eternal. He manifests himself in love and mercy, which leadeth us to repentance. Then it is through the operation of His spirit that we have been thus changed, or translated from the kingdom of darkness to the kingdom of His dear Son. What mercy and love! He takes from us the heart of stone and gives us a heart of flesh which which is susceptible of instruction. Brethren, should we not abide in good works, having been killed to the love and practice of sin by the operation of His spirit in

our souls. We are commanded to let our lights so shine that they may see our good works and gloryfy our Father (who hath done so much for us) who is in heaven. Let us all remember that scripture, "If any man love the world, the love of God is not in him." Then, love not the world nor the things of the world. May the Lord bless us with such spiritual blessings as we stand in need of from day unto day. Amen.

Your brother in hope,

R. S. SOMERS.

(The first manuscript for the Minutes was lost in the mails and this minutes has been compiled from the most accurate data available.

Churches	NAMES OF MESSENGERS	Rec'd by L. & Bap.	Rec'd by Letter	Resored	Dis. by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Total Membership	Contributions
Arbor	P. T. Walker, W. A. McKinney and J. H. Simmons	5					4	63	$5.50
Big Meadows	**Elder W. C. Jones**							14	1.65
Country Line	T. H Rudd	5						14	.40
Dan River	W. G. Dix, R. A. Cox, and R. H. Pruett							34	1.70*
Gilliam's	Elder J.. W. Gilliam, Geo. Rudd and J. W. Gilliam, Sr.						1	20	2.00
Harmony	J. I. Clayton, G. W. Brooks and W. A. Ward							10	.70*
Lick Fork	C. A. Howard and C. L. Apple							21	8.50
Lynches Creek	Wm. Warren andW. R. Hawkins							10	1.50
McCrays	A. G. Porterfield							16	2.00
Moons Creek	J. P. Johnson							6	1.00
Oak Grove	J. W. Watlington, R. A. Poteat and R. H. Jones							9	1.00*
Pleasant Grove	Elder B. B. McKinney, G. W. Walker and T. A. Stanfield	2				1	1	54	4.85
Prospect Hill	S. J. Hall, W. D. Blalock and W. P. Warren						1	34	7.50
Reidsville	J. A. Walker, J. A. Thompson and E. R. Harris						2	26	5.00
Wolf Island	W. S. Smith, G. W. Carter and J. R. Smith	1					1	49	5.00
New Hope	A. B. McKinney and P. A. Paschall							25	5.00*
Monticello	J. J. Lambeth and W. D. Lambeth							13	5.00
Greensboro	J. H. Combs, J. R. Jones and J. M. Dennis							34	5.00
* Note—	*Not verified. Statistics taken from last report.	13				1	10	452	63.30

MINUTES

Of The

12th ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

UPPER COUNTRY LINE PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT

MOON'S CREEK

CASWELL COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

AUGUST 14, 15, AND 16, 1918

OFFICERS:

E. R. HARRIS, Moderator
Elder J. W. GILLIAM, Association Clerk,
Altamahaw, N. C.
T. A. STANFIELD, Asst. Association Clerk

THE FLOWERS COLLECTIO

PROCEEDINGS OF THE
UPPER COUNTRY LINE ASSOCIATION

Wednesday Morning, August 14th, at 10 O'clock

1. The introductory sermon was preached by Elder J. W. Gilliam from 1st Cor. 22nd, and was followed by Elder C. A. Davis, who preached from Matthew 13th, 33, 34th verses.

2. After an intermission, the Association convened, and after praise and prayer by Elder L. H. Hardy, proceeded to business. On motion Bro. E. R. Harris was chosen Moderator. The clerk called to his assistance brother T. A. Stanfield.

3. Petitionary letters were called for. None received.

4. The Moderator appointed Elders McMillon and N. T. Oakes to go to the stand and preach to the people.

5. Messengers and visitors from sister associations were invited to take seats with us, whereupon the following were received:

From Little River—Eld. J. E. Adams and Bro. Mod Adams.

From Black Creek—Eld. W. M. Monsees.

From Fisher's River—Not represented except by minutes.

From White Oak—Eld. L. H. Hardy. Also minutes.

From Mayo—Eld. J. F. Spangler. Also minutes.

From Kehukee—Eld. E. C. Stone. Also minutes.

From Lower Country Line—Represented by Eld. L. H. Hardy, by request. Also minutes.

From Abbott's Creek—Eld. Samuel McMillon. Also minutes.

From Contentnea—Represented by Eld. L. H. Hardy, by request and minutes.

From Pig River—Eld. F. L. Eggleton and Bro. Mick Minter and T. H. Eanes. Also minutes.

From Smith's River—Not represented except by minutes.

From Staunton River—Eld. N. T. Oakes, Eld. J. R. Wilson, and Ernest Williams.

From New River—Not represented, except by minutes.

From Mill Branch—Not represented.

From Baltimore—Represented by Eld. L. H. Hardy, by request.

From Bear Creek—Not represented.

From Salem—Eld. C. A. Davis. Also minutes.

From Mountain—Eld. Ben Martin.

From Maine Conference—Eld. F. W. Keene.

From Duffaw Association, Texas—Eld. J. S. Newman.

From Durham Association (Col.)—Minutes.

6. The messengers of Moon's Creek Church, together with the Moderator and Clerk and assistant clerk, were chosen the committee on Arrangements, and Brethren J. A. Walker and W. A. McKinney and Green Dix, were appointed a Committee on Finance.

7. Letters from the several churches composing the Upper Country Line Association were read, and their standing recorded in the statistical table of this minute.

8. The Circular Letter appointed to be written by Brother R. L. Snead was called for, but not written. He was excused by the association.

9. On motion the Association adjourned to meet Friday morning, August 16th, 1918, at 9 o'clock.

E. R. HARRIS, Moderator
ELD. J. W. GILLIAM. Asso. Clerk.
T. A. STANFIELD, Asst. Asso. Clerk.

Friday Morning, August 16th, 1918

10. The Association met according to appointment, and after praise and prayer by Elder F. W. Keene of Maine, proceeded to business.

11. The messengers who were appointed last year to visit sister associations were called upon to report. The reports of those attending were very satisfactory, and those who did not attend were excused.

12. Messengers were appointed to visit sister associations at their next session, as follows:

Seven Miles—Minutes.

Little River—

Kehukee—Eld. J. W. Gilliam

Mayo—Bro. R. S. Somers, John Dye, and G. W. Rice,

White Oak—Minutes.

Contentnea—Minutes.

Black Creek—Minutes

Staunton River—Bro. W. G. Dix and Eld. J. W. Gilliam.

Lower Country Line—Eld. J. W. Gilliam and W. P. Warren.

Abbott's Creek—Minutes.
Fisher's River—Minutes.
Smith's River—Minutes
New River—Mnutes
Salem—R. S. Somers and Jno. Dye.
Mountain—Minutes.
Durham Association (Col.)—Minutes.
Pig River—Minutes.

13. Brother James A. Walker was requested to write a Circular Letter to be read on Wednesday, at our next Association.

14. On motion it was agreed that our next Association be held with the church at Monticello, to begin at 10 o'clock on Wednesday before the third Sunday in August, 1919, and continue three days, and Elder W. F. Pruitt was appointed to preach the introductory sermon with Elder ,B. F. McKinney as his alternate.

15. It was agreed that a section meeting be held with the church at Harmony, beginning on Saturday before 3rd Sunday in April and continue 2 days. Elders W. F. Pruitt and J. A. Herndon of Durham were chosen to attend.

16. It was agreed that a section meeting be held with the church at Dan River, beginning on Friday before 4th Sunday in April and continue for 3 days. Elders J. W. Gilliam and B. F. McKinney and B. B. McKinney were chosen to attend.

17. The Finance Committee was called upon to report, whose report was as follows:

Received from churches	$ 85.29
Received from friends in the congregation	21.17
Total	$106.46

DISBURSEMENTS.

For printing and postage	$ 20.00
Allowed Clerk for Services	10.00
Total	$ 30.00
To visiting preachers	$ 76.46

The report of the Finance Committee was received, and the committee was then excused.

18. Ordered that our Clerk have one thousand of these minutes printed, and distributed with the

churches of the Association, and with the sister associations with whom we correspond.

19. Feeling that our brethren have been blessed in preaching and in hearing the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ, and that in many ways we have been enabled to richly enjoy the Association now drawing to a close, be it resolved, therefore:

First, That we return thanks to God for these blessings enjoyed, realizing that every gift and every blessing is directly from the hand of the Lord;

Second, That we extend our thanks to the brethren and sisters and friends for their very kind welcome and splendid hospitality during this Association;

Third, That we extend to the warehousemen of Danville our gratitude for furnishing us with good water during the Association, and especially for their efforts in keeping same well supplied;

Fourth, That we extend to the Sheriff and County Officers our thanks for their good efforts in maintaining order for us during the Association.

MAILING LIST OF CHURCHES

	No Minutes
Arbor, J. E. Simmons, Fitch, N. C., R. No. 1	62
Big Meadows—Elder W. C. Jones, Burlington, N. C.	25
Country Line—T. H. Rudd Union Ridge, N. C. R. 1	15
Dan River—Elder W. F. Pruitt Ruffin, N. C. R.	45
Gilliams—Elder J. W. Gilliam, Altamahaw, N. C. R. 1	40
Harmony—J. I. Clayton Efland, N. C. R.	30
Lick Fork—C. L. Apple, Reidsville, N. C. R. 6	30
Lynches Creek—W. R. Hawkins, Cedar Grove, N. C. R. 2	25
McCray—A. G. Porterfield, Burlington, N. C. R. 3	25
Moon's Creek—Mrs. J. W. Neal, Danville, Va. R. 5	25
Pleasant Grove—T. A. Stanfield McIver, N. C., R. 1	50
Prospect Hill—W. D. Blalock, Prospect Hill, N. C.	55
Reidsville—E. R. Harris, Reidsville, N. C.	55
Wolf Island—R. L. Sneed, Reidsville, N. C.	55
Oak Grove—J. W. Watlington, Yanceyville, N. C., R. 1	20
New Hope—J. S. Nole, Reidsville, N. C., R. 6	55
Monticello—J. J. Lambeth, Elon College, N. C.	25
Greensboro—L. I. Harris, Greensboro, N. C.	40

List of the churches composing the Upper Country Line Primitive Baptist Association, with order of rotation since its organization:

Harmony ----------1907
Reidsville ----------1908
Gilliam's ----------1909
Oak Grove ----------1910
Lynches Creek ----------1911
Lick Fork ----------1912
Pleasant Grove ----------1913
McCray ----------1914
Greensboro ----------1915
Dan River ----------1916
New Hope ----------1917
Moon's Creek ----------1918
Prospect Hill ----------
Wolf Island ----------
Big Meadows ----------
Monticello ----------1919
Country Line ----------

MAILING LIST TO SISTER ASSOCIATIONS

Little River, Kehukee, Mayo, White Oak, Black Creek, Contentnea, Staunton River, Lower Country Line, Abbott's Creek, Fisher's River, Smith's River, New River, Salem, Pig River, Mountain, Durham Association (Col.), Baltimore, Bear Creek, and Mill Branch.

PREACHING

Wednesday afternoon:

1. Elder N. T. Oakes; Text Matthew 2:7, 8, and 9.
2. Elder Samuel McMillon; Psalms 2:4.
3. Elder J. R. Wilson; Matt. 25:34.
4. Elder Ben Martin at 3 p. m.; John 10th chapter.

Thursday morning:

1. Elder L. H. Hardy; 1st Peter 2:1, 2, 3, 4, and 5.
2. Elder J. S. Newman; 1st chap. Isa. 18 and 19th vs.
3. Elder F. W. Keene; 10th of John 9th vs.

Thursday evening:

1. Elder C. E. Stone; Isa. 52:7.
2. Elder F. L. Eggleton; 1st Cor. 15:40, 41, and 42.

Friday morning:

1. Elder J. E. Adams; 1st Cor. 1:18, 19.
2. Elder W. M. Monsees; Romans 8.1.
3. Elder J. F. Spangler; Matt. 1:21, 22, and 23.

STATISTICAL TABLE

Churches	Names of Messengers	Rec'd by E. & B.	Rec'd by L.	Restored	Dis. by Let.	Excluded	Deceased	Membership	Contribution
Arbor	Eld. B. F. McKinney and Brethren W. A. McKinney and J. E. Simmons	--	--	--	--	--	2	61	$ 8.65
Big Meadows	Not represented	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	------
Country Line	Not represented								
Dan River	W. G. Dix, T. W. Rice and R. A. Cox	5	--	--	--	--	--	40	3.04
Gilliam's	Elder J. W. Gilliam, Brethren Geo. W. Brooks and C. E. Brooks	--	--	--	--	--	1	19	2.00
Harmony	G. W. Brooks, J. I. Claxton, and W. A. Ward	4	--	--	--	--	8	13	1.50
Lick Fork	Brethren C. A. Howard, C. L. Apple and Jno. Lovelace	1	--	--	--	--	--	22	9.00
Lynches Creek	Bro. H. R. Hawkins	--	--	--	--	--	1	9	1.50
McCray	Brother A. G. Porterfield and wife, Sister Porterfield	--	--	--	--	--	1	15	3.00
Moon's Creek	Eld. J. P. Johnson and Sister J. W. Neal	--	--	--	--	--	--	6	11.00
Oak Grove	Brethren R. H. Jones and Robt. Poteat	--	--	--	--	--	--	16	1.50
Pleasant Grove	T. A. Stanfield, G. W. Walker and Eld. B. B. McKinney	--	1	--	--	1	1	53	5.50
Prospect Hill	W. D. Blalock, W. P. Warren and W. D. Burch	--	--	--	--	--	1	32	6.75
Reidsville	J. A. Walker, R. L. Snead and E. R. Harris	--	3	--	--	--	3	27	7.00
Wolf Island	R. S. Somers, J. H. Dye and P. W. Stone	--	--	--	3	1	2	43	5.00
New Hope	G. R. Robertson, J.W. Wall and P. A. Paschal	1	--	--	--	1	1	24	10.85
Monticello	J. J. Lambeth and W. D. Lambeth	--	--	--	--	--	1	12	5.00

MINUTES

Of The

13th Annual Session

of the

UPPER COUNTRY LINE PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT

MONTICELLO

GUILFORD COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

AUGUST 13, 14, AND 15, 1919

OFFICERS:

E. R. HARRIS, Moderator, Reidsville, N. C.

ELDER J. W. GILLIAM, Asso. Clerk, Altamahaw, N. C.

T. A. STANFIELD, Asst. Asso. Clerk, McIver, N. C.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE UPPER COUNTRY LINE ASSOCIATION

Wednesday Morning, August 13th, at 10 O'clock.

1. The introductory sermon was preached by Elder W. F. Pruitt from John 11:25-26, and was followed by Elder G. O. kee, who preached from Titus 2:11-12.

2. After an intermission, the Association convened, and after praise and prayer by Elder L. H. Hardy, proceeded to business. On motion Brother E. R. Harris was chosen moderator. The clerk called to his assistance Brother T. A. Stanfield.

3. Petitionary letters called for. None received.

4. The Moderator appointed Elders C. A. Davis and J. S. Morrison to go to the stand and preach to the people.

5. Messengers and visitors from sister associations were invited to take seats with us, whereupon the following were seated:

From Little River—Represented by Minutes only.

From Black Creek—Elders P. D. Gold, J. C. Hooks and C. B. Hall.

From Fisher's River—Elders J. S. Morrison, G. O. Kee and Brother J. S. Hall.

From White Oak—Elders L. H. Hardy and Isaac Jones.

From Mayo—Elders W. Flinchum, J. F. Spangler, J. A. Ward, and G. M. Trent.

From Kehukee—Represented by minutes only.

From Lower Country Line—By Elders Jones, Gold, Hardy and Bro. J. H. Gooch, minutes

From Abbott's Creek—Represented by minutes only.

From Contentnea—Bro. E. A. Stanfield, also minutes.

From Pig River—Elder F. L. Egleton.

From Smith's River—Not represented.

From Staunton River—Represented by minutes.

From New River—Elder F. C. Reynolds.

From Mill Branch—Not represented.

From Baltimore—Not represented.

From Bear Creek—Not represented.

From Salem—Elder C. A. Davis and Brother. C. T. Hudgins.

From Mountain—Elder Ben Martin; represented by minutes.

From Maine Conference—Not represented.

From Duffaw Association, Texas—Not represented.

From Warwick—Brother R. Lester Dodson.

From Durham Association (colored)—Minutes.

6. The messengers of Monticello Church, together with the

Moderator, Clerk, and Asst. Clerk were chosen a Committee on arrangements and Brethren Geo. W. Brooks and J. A. Walker were appointed a Committee on Finance.

7. Letters from the several churches composing the Upper Country Line Association were read, and their standing recorded in the statistical table of this minute.

8. Circular Letter, appointed to be written by Brother James A. Walker, was called for, whereupon it was presented, read, and ordered printed in our minutes.

9. On motion the Association adjourned to meet Friday morning, August 15th, at 9 o'clock.

E. R. HARRIS, Moderator
ELD. J. W. GILLIAM, Asso. Clerk.
T. A. STANFIELD, Asst. Asso. Clerk.

Friday Morning, August 15th, at 9 O'clock

10. The Association met according to appointment, and after praise and prayer by Leader Isaac Jones proceeded to business.

11. The messengers who were appointed last year to visit sister associations were called upon to report. The reports of those attending were very satisfactory, and those who did not attend were excused.

12. Messengers were appointed to visit sister associations at their next sitting as follows:

Seven Miles—No one—Minutes.
Little River—No one—Minutes.
Kehukee—No one—Minutes.
Mayo—Bro. John Dye and John Delaney; Minutes.
White Oak—Brethren E. R. Harris and W. F. Pruitt.
Contentnea—Brother T. A. Stanfield and J. W. Gilliam.
Black Creek—Minutes.
Staunton River—Elder W. F. Pruitt and W. D. Dix.
Lower Country Line—Elders W. C. Jones and W. F. Pruitt.
Abbott's Creek—Minutes.
Fisher's River—Elder W. F. Pruitt and Minutes.
Smith's River—Minutes.
New River—Minutes.
Salem—Elder W. C. Jones and Brother W. D. Dix and E. R. Harris.
Mountain—Minutes.
Pig River—Minutes.
Durham Association (colored)—Minutes.

13. Brother I. E. Neal was requested to write the Circular Letter to be read on Wednesday, at our next Association.

14. On motion it was agreed that our next Association be

held with the Church at Prospect Hill to begin at 10 o'clock on Wednesday after 2nd Sunday, and continue three days.

15. It was agreed that a section meeting be held with the Church at Big Meadows, beginning on Friday before 4th Sunday in April and continuing three days. Elders W. F. Pruitt and J. W. Gilliam were chosen to attend.

16. It was agreed that a section meetin g be held with the Church at Reidsville, beginning on Saturday before 4th Sunday in May, and continue two days. Elders O. J. Denny, J. W. Gilliam, J. F. Spangler were chosen to attend.

17. The Finance Committee was called upon to report, the report being as follows:

Received from the Churches	$140.70
Received from friends in the congregation	30.90
Total funds received	$171.60

DISBURSEMENTS

To visiting preachers	$119.60
For printing and postage	37.00
Allowed Clerk for Services	15.00
Total of funds disbursed	$171.60

The report of the Finance Committee was received, and the Committee was then excused.

18. Ordered that our Clerk have one thousand of these minutes printed, and distribtued with the Churches of this Association, and among the sister associations with whom we correspond.

19. Feeling that our brethren have been blessed in preaching and in hearing the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ, and in many ways we have been enabled to richly enjoy the Association now drawing to a close, be it resolved, therefore:

First. That we return thanks to God for these blessings enjoyed, realizing that every gift and every blessing comes from the Lord;

Second, That we extend our thanks to the brethren and sisters and friends for their very kind hospitality during this Association.

Third, That we extend our gratitude to the warehousemen of Reidsville and Greensboro for the splendid supply of fresh water furnished the Association during these three days;

Fourth, That we extend to the Sheriff and County Officers our thanks for their efforts in maintaining order for us during the Association.

MAILING LIST OF CHURCHES

	No. Minutes.
Arbor—J. E. Simmons, Fitch, N. C. R. No. 1	62
Big Meadows—Elder W. C. Jones, Burlington, N. C.	25
Country Line—T H. Rudd, Union Ridge, N. C., R. No. 1	15
Dan River—Elder W. F. Pruitt, Ruffin, N. C., R. No. 1	40
Gilliams—Elder J. W. Gilliam, Altamahaw, N. C. R. No. 1	40
Harmony—J. I. Clayton, Efland, N. C. R.	30
Lick Fork—C. L. Apple, ,Reidsville, N. C. No. 1	30
Lynches Creek—W. R. Hawkins, Cedar Grove, N. C. R. No. 2	25
McCray—A. G. Porterfield, Burlington, N. C. R. No. 3	25
Moon's Creek—Mrs. J. W. Neal, Danville, Va. R. No. 5	25
Pleasant Grove—T. A. Stanfield, McIver, N. C. R. No. 1	50
Prospect Hill—W. D. Blalock, Prospect Hill, N .C.	55
Reidsville—E. R. Harris, Reidsville, N. C.	55
Wolf Island—John R. Smith, Reidsville, N. C. R. No. 5	55
Oak Grove—J. W. Watlington, Yanceyville, N. C. R. No. 1	20
New Hope—J. S. Nole, Reidsville, .N. C. R. No. 6	55
Monticello—J. J. Lambeth, Elon College, N. C.	25
Greensboro—L. I. Harris, Greensboro, N. C.	40
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Harmony	1907
Reidsville	1908
Gilliam's	1909
Oak Grove	1910
Lynches Creek	1911
Lick Fork	1912
Pleasant Grove	1913
McCray	1914
Greensboro	1915
Dan River	1916
New Hope	1917
Moon's Creek	1918
Monticello	1919
Prospect Hill	
Wolf Island	
Big Meadows	
Country Line	
Bush Arbor	

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO ASSOCIATIONS

Abbotts Creek—A. L. Owens, Salisbury, N. C.	18
Black Creek—Eld. J. F. Farmer, Wilson, N. C.	18
Contentnea—Eld. J. P. Tingle, Grantsboro, N. C.	25
Fishers River—Eld. F. P. Stone, Francisco, N. C. R. 1	30
Kehukee—Eld. Sylvester Hassell, Williamston, N. C.	38
Little River—Eld. J. A. T. Jones, ,McCullers, N. C.	20
Mayo—Eld. E. M. Barnard., Peter's Creek, Va.	20
Mill Branch—C. W. Brown, Tabor, N. C.	17
New River—Eld. P. G. Lester, Floyd, Va.	20

Salem—W. L. Teague, Winston-Salem, N. C. 18
Smith's River—Eld. Q. D. Weeks, R. 2, Willis, Va. 18
Staunton River—R. L. Dodson, Ringgold, Va. 18
Lower Country Line—J. H. Gooch, Stem, N. C. 20
White Oak—Elder Isaac Jones, Maple Hill, N. C. 22
Abbotts Creek—Clerk Not Known 21

PREACHING

Wednesday Afternoon:
1. Elder J. S. Morrison; Text Rev. 14:7.
2. Elder C. A. Davis; Text Gen. 1:2-3.
3. At 5 p. m. Elder F. L. Egleton; Text Heb. 4:9.

Thursday Morning:
1. Elder L. H. Hardy; Text Matt. 16:13-19.
2. Elder P. D. Gold; Text 1st. Chap Heb.
3. Elder C. B. Hall; Text Gen. 2:21-22.

Thursday Afternoon:
1. Elder Isaac Jones; Text Daniel 2:44.
2. Elder J. C. Hooks; Text Ephesians 1:1-10.
3. Elder Ben Martin; Text 1 Cor. 15:57.

Thursday Afternoon at 5 p. m. Elder R. Lester Dodson; Text 23 Chap. 2nd Sam. 5vs.

Elder John Ward; Text Rom. 1;16.

Friday Morning:
1. Elder J. W. Flinchum; Text John 17:1-2.
2. Elder J. F. Spangler; Text Matt. 1:22-23.
3. Elder Isaac Jones; Text Gen. 42:8.

CIRCULAR LETTER

To the Messengers, Ministers, Brethren and Visitors composing the Upper Country Line Association:

I would have been glad had you placed this duty on some one more competent to perform it; but you did not do so, so in my feeble way I'll try.

Something more than nineteen hundred years ago an Angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph, of the seed of David and said concerning, Mary, his wife, "And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name Jesus for he shall save his people from their sins." Matt. 1:21.

The coming of this babe had been foretold hundreds of years before. Moses had testified of him, saying; "The Lord thy God, will raise up unto thee, a prophet from the midst of thee, of thy brethren, like unto me; unto him ye shall hearken." David had beheld him as my Lord sitting on the right hand of the Lord. David had seen him as the stone cut out of the mountains without hands which should smite the beast and break in pieces his kingdom.

Isaiah had spoken of him as the wonderful Councilor, the mighty God, the everlasting Father and Prince of Peace.

Jeremiah beheld him as "the Lord of our righteousness," and Malachi had viewed him as the sun of righteousness arising with healing in his wings.

We further find in Matt. 1:25 that Mary did bring forth a son and his name was called Jesus.

The wise men of the East were guided to Him by the star—Gods star, which stood over the blessed babe in the manger, and old Simeon, that faithful servant of God, when he had seen him and embraced him, exclaimed, now let thy servant depart in peace for mine eyes have seen thy salvation. His life while here from His humble birth in the manger, to His ignominious death upon the cross was not one of rejoicing, a humble man of God, occupying the humbler walks of life. Isaiah speaks of Him as a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; but, has He the power to save His people from their sin? He had the power, while here, to heal the sick, to restore the sight to the blind, to cure the maimed and the halt, to raise the dead to life, and to preach the gospel to the poor, and He declares to the unbelieving Jews that, "I am the way, the truth and the life. We hear Him say, "He who believeth on me,, believeth on Him that sent me," that "I and my Father are one," and that He hath all power, both in Heaven and in earth.

When the humble thief on the cross, who, I believe, represents all of God's people who possess that wisdom from on high and that God given faith to know Jesus Christ the Lord, begged to be remembered by Him "when thou comest into thy kingdom," He had the power to promise a blessed inheritance which is incorruptible and undefiled.

He has the power to lay down his life and power to take it up again, the power to ascend on high, the power to rise a victorious conquerer over death, hell and the grave, and He hath the power to save his people from their sins.

Brethren, if He is ours and we are his He hath the power not only to save us from our sins; but the power to save us with an everlasting salvation, and that is enough.

Humbly submitted in love.

J. A. WALKER.

STATISTICAL TABLE

Churches	Names of Messengers	Rec'd by E & Bapt.	Rec'd by Letter	Restored	Dis. by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Membership	Contribution
Arbor	W. A. McKinney, P. T. Walker and J. E. Simmons		1					62	$ 12.05
Big Meadows	Eld. W. C. Jones and W. H. Johnson							14	2.00
Country Line	No Messengers				1			7	3.50
Dan River	Brethren W. G. Dix, J. H. Griffith	4	3			2	1	44	5.00
Gilliam's	Brethren G. W. Brooks, W. T. Bowles and Eld. J. W. Gilliam		1		1			18	7.00
Harmony	Brethren W. A. Ward and J. I. Clayton	1			1			12	2.00
Lick Fork	Brethren J. R. Smith, C. A. Howard and C. L. Apple	1		1				23	15.00
Lynches' Creek	Brethren W. R. Hawkins and Wm. Warren						2	7	12.50
McCray	Brethren A. G. Porterfield and Robt. Cates	1						16	5.00
Moon's Creek	Rep. by Elder J. D. Johnson							6	4.60
Oak Grove	Brother Robt. Poteat							16	
Pleasant Grove	Eld. B. B. McKinney and Brethren G. W. Walker, T. A. Stanfield		1				3	51	5.05
Prospect Hill	Brethren W. P. Warren, W. D. Blalock and R. L. Snead						3	29	17.50
Reidsville	Brethren E. R. Harris and J. A. Walker	1						28	7.50
Wolf Island	Brother R. A. Smith and J. W. Delaney	1			3			41	5.00
New Hope	Brethren Andy Paschal and James Allen						2	23	11.00
Monticello	Brethren J. J. and W. D. Lambeth and H. B. Kee	2				1	1	12	18.00
Greensboro	Brethren T. A. Snider, J. H. Combs and I. E. Neal	2					2	34	8.00
	Total contributions made by the churches								$140.70

MINUTES

OF THE

FOURTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

UPPER COUNTRY LINE PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT

PROSPECT HILL, CASWELL COUNTY, N. C.

AUGUST 11, 12 and 13, 1920

OFFICERS

E. R. HARRIS, Moderator, Reidsville, N. C.

ELDER J. W. GILLIAM, Association Clerk, Altamahaw, N. C.

T. A. STANFIELD, Assistant Clerk, McIver, N. C., R. No. 1

Proceedings of the Upper Country Line Association

WEDNESDAY MORNING, AUGUST 11th, 10:00 O'CLOCK

1. The introductory sermon was preached by Elder L. H. Hardy, from Songs of Solomon, 6 chapter, 13 verse.

2. After an intermission, the Association convened, and after praise and prayer by Elder Joshua Rowe, proceeded to business. On motion E. R. Harris was chosen moderator. The clerk called to his assistance Brother T. A. Stanfield.

3. Petitionary letters were called for. None received.

4. The moderator appointed Elders C. A. Davis and Leonard Stephenson to go to the stand and preach to the people.

5. Messengers and visitors from sister associations were invited to take seats with us, whereupon the following were seated:

From Little River—Elders L. H. Stephenson, J. E. Adams and B. J. Thigpen and wife.

From Black Creek—Elders J. W. Wyant, S. B. Denny and Brother W. H. Burch.

From Fisher's River—Not represented.

From White Oak—Elders Isaac Jones and L. H. Hardy.

From Mayo—Brethren J. W. Moorefield and H. F. Hutchins.

From Kehukee—Elders J. A. Shaw and E. C. Stone.

From Lower Country Line—Elder T. Y. Monk and Brethren W. A. Warren, J. H. Gooch and H. E. Satterfield.

From Abbott's Creek—Not represented.

From Contentnea—Brother E. A. Stanfield.

From Pig River—Not represented.

From Smith's River—Not represented.

From Staunton River—Not represented.

From New River—Not represented.

From Mill Branch—Not represented.

From Baltimore—Elder Joshua Rowe.

From Bear Creek—Not represented.

From Salem—Elder C. A. Davis and Brother J. W. Hudgins.

From Mountain—Elder Ben Martin.

From Durham Association (colored)—Minutes.

Maine Conference—Elder F. W. Keene.

Warwick Association—Elder John McConnel.

Visiting Associations

Danville Association, Ind.—Elder W. H. Schenck.

Roaring River—Elder W. R. Craft.

Lot's Creek Association, Ga.—Elder M. L. Riner.

Alabama Association—Elder N. B. Parker.

6. The messengers of Prospect Hill Church, together with the moderator, clerk and assistant clerk, were chosen a Committee on Arrangements, and brethren J. J. Lambeth and John R. Smith were appointed a Committee on Finance.

7. Letters from the several churches composing the Upper Country Line Association were read and their standing recorded in the statistical table of this minute.

8. Circular Letter, appointed to be written by Brother I. E. Neal, was called for, whereupon it was presented, read and ordered printed in our minutes.

9. On motion the Association adjourned to meet Thursday morning, August 12th, at 9 o'clock.

E. R. Harris, Moderator,
Elder J. W. Gilliam, Association Clerk,
T. A. Stanfield, Assistant Association Clerk.

THURSDAY MORNING, AUGUST 12th, 9:00 O'CLOCK

10. The Association met according to appointment, and after praise and prayer by Elder L. H. Hardy, proceeded to business.

11. The messengers who were appointed last year to visit sister Associations were called upon to report. The reports of those attending were very satisfactory, and those who did not attend were excused.

12. Messengers were appointed to visit sister Associations at their next sitting as follows:

Seven Miles—Minutes.

Little River—Minutes. J. W. Gilliam and E. R. Harris.

Kehukee—Minutes.

Mayo—Minutes. Elder W. F. Pruitt and J. W. Delancy, T. W. Rice and J. H. Dye.

White Oak—Minutes. Elder B. F. McKinney.

Contentnea—Minutes.

Black Creek—Minutes. Brother T. A. Stanfield, Elder B. F. McKinney and Brother W. P. Warren.

Staunton River—Minutes. Elder W. F. Pruitt and Brother W. D. Dix.

Lower Country Line—Minutes. Elder W. F. Pruitt and Brother E. R. Harris.

Abbott's Creek—Minutes.

Fisher's River—Minutes.

Smith's River—Minutes.

New River—Minutes.

Salem—Minutes. Elders J. W. Gilliam and W. F. Pruitt and Brethren E. R. Harris and A. G. Porterfield.

Mountain—Minutes.

Pig River—Minutes. Brethren W. D. Dix and T. W. Rice.

Durham Association (colored)—Minutes.

13. Brother W. D. Blalock was requested to write the Circular Letter to be read on Saturday at our next Association.

14. On motion it was agreed that our next Association be held with the church at Wolf Island, to begin at 10 o'clock on Saturday before the third Sunday in August, 1921, and continue three days.

15. The churches composing the Association agreed to discontinue the section meetings. This action was taken in order that churches of the Association desiring to organize a union for purpose of preaching and correspondence, fifth Sundays and Saturdays before, might do so. Pleasant Grove asked for a meeting fifth Sunday and Saturday before in August, 1920, so that the churches so desiring might come together and so organize.

16. The Finance Committee was called upon to report, the report being as follows:

Received from the churches	$158.00
Received from friends in the congregation	16.90
Total funds received	$174.90

Disbursements

To visiting preachers	$114.90
For printing and postage	45.00
Allowed clerk for services	15.00
Total of funds disbursed	$174.90

The report of the Finance Committee was received and the committee was then excused.

17. Ordered that our clerk have one thousand of these minutes printed and distributed with the churches of this Association and among the sister Associations with whom we correspond.

18. Whereas, our brethren have been highly favored in preaching and in hearing the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ, and to richly enjoy the Association now drawing to a close, be it therefore resolved:

First. That we return thanks to God for these blessings enjoyed.

Second. That we extend our thanks to the brethren and sisters and friends for their splendid hospitality during this Association.

Third. That we extend our thanks to those in charge of supplying drinking water for the Association.

Fourth. That we extend to the sheriff and county officers our thanks for their efforts in maintaining order for us during the Association.

Resolution of Respect

Resolved, First. That in the death of Elder P. D. Gold our Association has lost a sound and faithful correspondent.

Second. That while we deeply mourn his departure, we believe he has gone from the land of the dying to the land of the living, and we desire to be reconciled to the will of our heavenly Father in calling him home.

(Ordered by the Association.—Clerk.)

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Arbor—J. E. Simmons, Fitch, N. C., R. No. 1	60
Big Meadows—Elder W. C. Jones, Burlington, N. C.	25
Country Line—T. H. Rudd, Union Ridge, N. C., R. No. 1	15
Dan River—Elder W. F. Pruitt, Ruffin, N. C., R. No. 1	40
Gilliams—Elder J. W. Gilliam. Altamahaw, N. C., R. No. 1	40
Harmony—J. I. Clayton, Efland, N. C., R.	30
Lick Fork—C. L. Apple, Reidsville, N. C., R. 1	30
Lynches Creek—W. R. Hawkins, Cedar Grove, N. C., R. No. 2	25
McCray—A. G. Porterfield, Burlington, N. C., R. No. 3	25
Moon's Creek—Mrs. J. W. Neal, Danville, Va., R. No. 5	25
Pleasant Grove—T. A. Stanfield, McIver, N. C., R. No. 1	50
Prospect Hill—W. D. Blalock, Prospect Hill, N. C.	50
Reidsville—E. R. Harris, Reidsville, N. C.	50
Wolf Island—J. R. Stone, Reidsville, N. C., R. No. 3	55
Oak Grove—J. W. Watlington, Yanceyville, N. C., R. No. 1	20
New Hope—J. S. Nole, Reidsville, N. C., R. No. 6	50
Monticello—J. J. Lambeth, Elon College, N. C.	25
Greensboro—L. I. Harris, Greensboro, N. C.	35
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List of the churches composing the Upper Country Line Primitive Baptist Association, with order of rotation of sessions since the Country Line Association divided into Upper and Lower Country Line Associations in 1906, as follows:

Harmony	1907
Reidsville	1908
Gilliams	1909
Oak Grove	1910
Lynches Creek	1911
Lick Fork	1912
Pleasant Grove	1913
McCray	1914
Greensboro	1915
Dan River	1916
New Hope	1917
Moon's Creek	1918
Monticello	1919
Prospect Hill	1920
Wolf Island	*1921
Big Meadows	
Country Line	
Bush Arbor	

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO ASSOCIATIONS

Abbott's Creek—A. L. Owens, Salisbury, N. C.	18
Black Creek—Elder J. F. Farmer, Wilson, N. C.	18

* Appointed to be held.

Contentnea—Elder J. P. Tingle, Grantsboro, N. C.	20
Fisher's River—Elder F. P. Stone, Francisco, N. C., R. No. 1	25
Kehukee—Elder Sylvester Hassell, Williamston, N. C.	30
Little River—Elder J. A. T. Jones, McCullers, N. C.	20
Mayo—Elder E. M. Barnard, Peter's Creek, Va.	20
New River—Elder P. G. Lester, Floyd, Va.	20
Salem—W. L. Teague, Winston-Salem, N. C.	18
Smith's River—Q. D. Weeks, R. No. 2, Willis, Va.	18
Staunton River—R. L. Dodson, Ringgold, Va.	18
Lower Country Line—J. H. Gooch, Stem, N. C.	20
White Oak—Elder Isaac Jones, Maple Hill, N. C.	20
Mountain	15
Pig River	15
Seven Miles	15
Mill Branch—W. C. Brown, Tabor, N. C.	20
Durham (colored)	20
	350

PREACHING

Wednesday afternoon—

1. Elder C. A. Davis. Text: Isaiah 66: 2.
2. Elder Leonard Stephenson. Text: I John 5: 20, 21.
3. Elder Ben Martin. Text Rev. 22: 1.

At 5:00 o'clock—Elder H. F. Hutchens. Text: Ezra 6: 4. Followed by Elder S. B. Denny. Text: Romans 10: 14, 15.

At 7:30 o'clock—Elder E. C. Stone. Text: Math. 3: 12.
Elder T. Y. Monk. Text: II Cor. 12: 2.

Thursday Morning—

1. Elder Joshua Rowe. Text: Math. 28: 19, 20.
2. Elder F. W. Keen. Text: Song of Solomon 2: 1.
3. Elder J. A. Shaw. Text: I John 3: 8.

Thursday Afternoon—

1 Elder Isaac Jones. Text: Zech. 13: 1.
2. Elder John McConnel.
3. Elder W. H. Schenck.

At 5 p. m.—Elder W. R. Craft.

Friday Morning—

1. Elder J. E. Adams.
2. Elder J. W. Wyatt.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE ASSOCIATION

Whereas, the doctrine of "Conditional Time Salvation" has divided the churches of several of the southern states, and whereas, said doctrine is near on the borders of our own churches, and whereas, we fear that the same results would be here as has been in the churches of our sister states; therefore, resolved, by the Upper Country Line Association:

That we do declare that we do object to said doctrine or any other form of Arminianism being preached in our midst.

MINISTERS

List of ordained ministers in the Upper Country Line Association, with their postoffices:

Elder B. B. McKinney, McIver, N. C., R. No. 1.
Elder W. C. Jones, Burlington, N. C.
Elder O. J. Denny, Winston-Salem, N. C.
Elder W. F. Pruitt, Ruffin, N. C., R. No. 1.
Elder J. W. Gilliam, Altamahaw, N. C., R. No. 1.
Elder B. F. McKinney, Prospect Hill, N. C.

CIRCULAR LETTER

To the ministers, messengers, brethren and visiting brethren of the Upper Country Line Association—Greetings:

When I was requested to write the circular letter to be read at this Association I felt to be the least of anyone present and requested that the brethren excuse me, but they did not seem so disposed. I am yet made to wonder why I, the least of all, was called upon for this duty.

Jesus said (in the 14th chapter of St. John, 27th verse): "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you, not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid."

It is glorious to realize how high above the ways of this world is the way of the Lord God of Heaven. When I would do good evil is present with me; there is sin mixed with what I do. But His good and perfect way is different. He says: "My peace I give unto you, not as the world giveth give I unto you." This gift is perfect, it is good and without sin, as high above our giving as the heavens are above the earth. It is given not because of any merit on our part, but because of His great love for us, if indeed we are His.

I have long since been made to realize that in me dwelt no good thing, and that if I was saved it was by the free and unmerited grace of God. How sweet is that peace when Jesus speaks it to the poor tempest-tossed soul who has realized that his own arm is too short to save himself, and feeling justly condemned in the sight of the all wise and all powerful God not spoken in the worldly way, but in the Lord's way that is good, perfect and without sin.

While that peace abides there is no storm within that peaceful breast. All is love, rejoicing and sweet praise to His holy name.

Yet the times of doubts and fears return and we question whether or not the Lord has dealt with us, feeling that surely I have deceived the people of the true and living God. Again and again we are of the desire deep down in our poor hearts that if we are deceived He will reveal the truth unto us. But at the times which seemeth best to Him we are again given a glimpse as it were of the Lord and His goodness to us.

Brethren, I ask that you cast the mantle of charity over my imperfections and remember me in prayer. May the God of grace and power be with and keep you all.

Your brother in hope,

I. E. Neal.

STATISTICAL TABLE

Churches	Names of Messengers	Rec'd by E. and Bapt.	Rec'd by Letter	Restored	Dis. by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Membership	Contribution
Arbor	J. E. Simmons, W. A. McKinney and Elder B. F. McKinney	...	...	...	...	...	1	40	$ 11.50
Big Meadows	Elder W. C. Jones, and Brethren W. H. Johnson and J. F. Buckner	...	...	...	...	...	...	14	2.00
Country Line	Not represented	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....
Dan River	W. G. Dix, T. W. Rice and Elder W. F. Pruitt	1	...	...	...	2	1	42	5.25
Gilliam's	Elder J. W. Gilliam, Brethren G. W. and Eugene Brooks and W. T. Bowles	...	1	...	...	...	...	19	10.50
Harmony	W. A. Ward, T. M. Snipes and J. I. Clayton	1	...	...	...	...	...	14	3.00
Lick Fork	Jno. R. Smith, C. L. Apple, and C. L. Saunders	1	...	...	...	...	1	23	10.50
Lynches' Creek	Wm. Warren and W. R. Hawkins	...	...	...	...	...	1	7	9.25
McCray	Elder J. W. Gilliam, and Brethren A. G. Porterfield and Robt. Cates	...	...	...	...	...	...	16	5.00
Moon's Creek	Elder J. P. Johnson	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	5.00
Oak Grove	R. L. Watlington and R. E. Poteat	3	...	...	...	...	...	8	6.80
Pleasant Grove	T. A. Stanfield, G. W. Walker and J. D. McKinney	...	...	...	...	...	2	49	7.35
Prospect Hill	W. P. Warren, W. D. Blalock, W. D. Burch	...	...	...	...	...	1	27	33.75
Reidsville	E. R. Harris, Jas. A. Walker and Chas. Delancy	1	...	...	...	...	1	28	11.00
Wolf Island	J. W. Delancy, J. H. Dye and J. W. Stone	...	...	...	...	...	...	49	6.00
New Hope	Geo. Robertson, P. A. Paschal and James Allen	2	...	...	...	...	...	27	12.00
Monticello	J. J., W. D. and H. W. Lambeth	...	...	...	...	...	...	12	10.60
Greensboro	I. E. Neal, T. A. Snider and J. R. Jones	5	1	...	...	2	1	37	8.50
	Total contributions made by churches	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	$158.00

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MINUTES

OF THE

FIFTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

UPPER COUNTRY LINE PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT

WOLF ISLAND, ROCKINGHAM COUNTY, N. C.

AUGUST 20, 21 AND 22, 1921

OFFICERS

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE UPPER COUNTRY LINE ASSOCIATION

SATURDAY MORNING, AUGUST 20th, 10:00 O'CLOCK

1. The introductory sermon was preached by Elder C. B. Hall, Psalm 89:19, followed by Elder S. J. Reich, Gen. 28:11; Elder E. L. Cobb, Acts 8:26.

2. After an intermission, the Association convened and after praise and prayer by Elder Lee Hanks proceeded to business. On motion E. R. Harris was chosen as moderator. The Association clerk called to his assistance Bro. T. A. Stanfield.

3. Petitionary letters were called for but none received.

4. The Moderator appointed Elders M. B. Martin and J. W. Flinchum to go to the stand and preach to the people.

5. Messengers and visitors from sister Associations were invited to take seats with us, whereupon the following were seated:

From Little River—Minutes. Not otherwise represented.

From Black Creek—Elders C. F. Denny, E. L. Cobb, J. W. Wyatt, and Brother W. H. Burch. No minutes.

From Fisher's River—No minutes. Not represented otherwise.

From White Oak—Elder Isaac Jones. Minutes.

From Mayo—Elders J. F. Spangler, J. P. Via, G. M. Trent, S. R. Biggs and others. No minutes.

From Kehukee—Not represented. No minutes.

From Lower Country Line—Brethren W. A. Warren, W. K. Moore, and Elder E. C. Oakes and others. Minutes.

From Abbott's Creek—Brethren E. Sykes, G. H. Cornelison, and Elder W. R. Gallimore and others. No minutes.

From Contentnea—Brothers E. A. Stanfield, H. L. Brake, R. D. Pate. No minutes.

From Pig River—Elder B. V. Jessie. No minutes.

From Smith River—No minutes. Not represented.

From Staunton River—Brethren W. G. Terry, J. H. Butcher, and Elder C. T. Evans. No minutes.

From New River—No minutes. Not represented.

From Mill Branch—No minutes. Not represented.

From Baltimore—Elder Joshua Rowe.

From Bear Creek—No minutes. Not represented.

From Salem—Elders C. A. Davis, P. W. Williard, S. J. Reich, C. T. Hudgins. Minutes.

From Mountain—Elder Ben Martin. Minutes.

From Maine Conference—Elder F. W. Keene.

From Old Upper Conoochee Association in Georgia—Elder Lee Hanks.

From Durham Association (Colored)—Minutes.

6. The messengers of Wolf Island church, together with the Moderator, clerk, and assistant clerk were chosen a committee on Arrangements, and brother John R. Smith and Elder W. C. King were appointed a Committee on Finance.

7. Letters from the several churches composing the Upper Country Line Association were read, and their standing recorded in the statistical table of this minute.
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8. Circular Letter, appointed to be written by Brother W. D. Blalock was called for, whereupon it was presented, read, and ordered printed in our minutes.

9. On motion the Association adjourned to meet Monday morning, August 22nd, at 9 o'clock.

E. R. HARRIS, Moderator
Elder J. W. GILLIAM, Association Clerk
T. A. STANFIELD, Assistant Association Clerk

MONDAY MORNING, AUGUST 22nd, 9:00 O'CLOCK

10. The Association met according to appointment, and after praise and prayer by Elder Joshua Rowe, proceeded to business.

11. The messengers who were appointed last year to visit sister Associations were called upon to report. The reports of those attending were very satisfactory, and those who did not attend were excused.

12. Messengers were appointed to visit sister Associations at their next sitting as follows:

Seven Miles—Minutes. No appointment.

Little River—Minutes. No appointment

Kehukee—Minutes. No appointment.

Mayo—Minutes. Elders W. F. Pruitt and W. M. Monsees.

White Oak—Minutes. Elder J. W. Gilliam.

Contentnea—Minutes. No appointment.

Black Creek—Minutes. No appointment.

Staunton River—Minutes. Elders W. M. Monsees, O. J. Denny, W. F. Pruitt, and Brother W. G. Dix.

Lower Country Line—Minutes. Elders O. J. Denny, W. M. Monsees, W. C. Jones, and Brother W. P. Warren.

Abbott's Creek—Minutes. Elder W. C. Jones.

Fisher's River—Minutes. No appointment.

Smith's River—Minutes. Elder W. F. Pruitt and Brother W. D. Dix.

New River—Minutes. No appointment.

Salem—Minutes. Elders J. W. Gilliam, O. J. Denny, W. C. Jones, W. F. Pruitt, W. M. Monsees; Brothers T. A. Stanfield and J. H. Combs.

Mountain—Minutes. No appointment.

Pig River—Minutes. No appointment.

Durham Association, (Colored)—Minutes.

13. On motion is was agreed that our next Association be held with the church at Bush Arbor to begin at 10:00 o'clock on Saturday before the third Sunday in August, 1922, and continue three days.

14. The Finance Committee was called upon to report, the report being as follows:

Received from the churches	$126.05
Received from friends in the congregation	14.00
Total funds received	$140.00

Disbursements

To visiting preachers	$ 73.55
For printing and postage	45.00
Allowed clerk for services	15.00
All other expenses	6.50
Total funds disbursed	$140.00

The report of the Finance Committee was received and the committee was then excused.

15. Ordered that our clerk have one thousand of these minutes printed and distributed with the churches of this Association and among the sister Associations with whom we correspond.

16. Whereas, our brethren have been well favored in preaching the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ, and many have been blessed to hear same and enjoy the Association now drawing to a close, be it therefore resolved:

First. That we return thanks to God for the blessings enjoyed.

Second. That we extend our thanks to the brethren and friends for their generous hospitality in taking care of the Association.

Third. That we extend thanks to the officers for keeping order during the Association.

MINISTERS

List of ordained ministers in the Upper Country Line Association, with their postoffices:

Elder B. B. McKinney, McIver, N. C., R. No. 1.

Elder W. C. Jones, Burlington, N. C.

Elder O. J. Denny, Winston-Salem, N. C.
Elder W. F. Pruitt, Ruffin, N. C., R. No. 2.
Elder J. W. Gilliam, Altamahaw, N. C., R. No. 1
Elder B. F. McKinney, Hurdle Mills, N. C.
Elder W. M. Monsees, Reidsville, N. C.
Elder W. C. King, Union Ridge, N. C., R. No. 1
Elder J. P. Johnson, Danville, Va., R. No. 3.

PREACHING

Saturday Afternoon—

1. Elder Ben Martin. Text: Psa. 8:4.
2. Elder J. W. Flinchum. No special text.

At 5.00 o'clock—Elder B. V. Jessie. No special text.
At 7:00 o'clock—Elder H. F. Hutchins.

Sunday Morning—

1. Elder Lee Hanks. Text: Rom. 5:19.
2. Elder Joshua Rowe. Text: Isa. 35:10.

Sunday Afternoon—

1. Elder Isaac Jones. I Cor. 2:2.
2. Elder C. A. Davis. Deu. 32:2.
3. Elder F. W. Keene. Heb. 6:17.

At 5:00 o'clock—Elder J. W. Wyatt. I John 3:1.
At 7:00 o'clock— Elder E. C. Oakes, Psalm; Elder S. R. Biggs. No special text.

Monday Morning—

1. Elder P. W. Williard.
2. Elder J. F. Spangler. Text: Heb. 10:7-23.

RESOLUTION

Be it resolved that we, the ministers and messengers composing the Upper Country Line Association, do hereby rescind the Resolution of our last session regarding the preaching of Conditional Time Salvation, and in lieu thereof that we advise our churches, members and ministers, to adhere to scriptural teachings and that we labor to unify and preserve peace and order, earnestly endeavoring to avoid unscriptural teachings in our midst which tends to the dividing of our fellowship.

Submitted by Elder O. J. Denny for the consideration of the Association. Moved and seconded that we adopt same, and that we print same in our minutes. The motion was carried unanimously. (Association Clerk.)

MAILING LIST OF CHURCHES

	No. Minutes
Arbor—J. E. Simmons, Fitch, N. C., R. No. 1.	60
Pig Meadows—Elder W. C. Jones, Burlington, N. C.	25
Country Line—T. H. Rudd, Union Ridge, N. C., R. No. 1.	15
Dan River—Elder W. F. Pruitt, Ruffin, N. C., R. No. 1.	40
Gilliams—Elder J. W. Gilliam, Altamahaw, N. C., R. No. 1	40
Harmony—W. A. Ward, Cedar Grove, N. C.	30
Lick Fork—C. L. Apple, Reidsville, N. C., R. 1	30
Lynches Creek—W. R. Hawkins, Cedar Grove, N. C., R. No. 2	25
McCray—A. G. Porterfield, Burlington, N. C., R. No. 3	25
Moon's Creek—Mrs. J. W. Neal, Danville, Va., R. No. 5	25
Pleasant Grove—T. A. Stanfield, McIver, N. C., R. No. 1	50
Prospect Hill—W. D. Blalock, Prospect Hill, N. C.	50
Reidsville—E. R. Harris, Reidsville, N. C.	50
Wolf Island—J. R. Stone, Reidsville, N. C., R. No. 3.	55
Oak Grove—J. W. Watlington, Yanceyville, N. C., R. No. 1.	20
New Hope—J. S. Nole, Reidsville, N. C., R. No. 6.	50
Monticello—J. J. Lambeth, Elon College, N. C.	25
Greensboro—L. I. Harris, Greensboro, N. C.	35
	650

List of the churches composing the Upper Country Line Primitive Baptist Association, with order of rotation of sessions since the Country Line Association divided into Upper and Lower Country Line Associations in 1906, as follows:

Harmony	1907
Reidsville	1908
Gilliams	1909
Oak Grove	1910
Lynches Creek	1911
Lick Fork	1912
Pleasant Grove	1913
McCray	1914
Greensboro	1915
Dan River	1916
New Hope	1917
Moon's Creek	1918
Monticello	1919
Prospect Hill	1920
Wolf Island	1921
Bush Arbor	*1922
Country Line	

*Appointed to be held

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO ASSOCIATIONS

Big Meadows	
Abbott's Creek—A. L. Owens, Salisbury, N. C.	18
Black Creek—Elder C. F. Denny, Wilson, N. C.	18
Contentnea—Elder J. P. Tingle, Grantsboro, N. C.	20
Fisher's River—Elder F. P. Stone, Francisco, N. C., R. No. 1.	25
Kehukee—Elder Sylvester Hassell, Williamston, N. C.,	30
Little River—Elder J. A. T. Jones, McCullers, N. C.	20
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New River—Elder P. G. Lester, Floyd, Va.	20
Salem—W. L. Teague, Winston-Salem, N. C.	18
Smith's River—Q. D. Weeks, R. No. 2, Willis, Va.	18
Staunton River—R. L. Dodson, Ringgold, Va.	18
Lower Country Line—J. H. Gooch, Stem, N. C.	20
White Oak—Elder Isaac Jones, Maple Hill, N. C.	20
Mountain—Mitchell Rictor	15
Pig River—Elder E. S. Blackenship, Boon's Mills, Va.	15
Seven Miles—Elder L. A. Johnson, Benson, N. C.	15
Mill Branch—W. C. Brown, Tabor, N. C.	20
Durham (colored)—S. A. Bass, Durham, N. C.	20
	350

STATISTICAL TABLE

Churches	Names of Messengers	Rec'd by E and Bapt.	Rec'd by Letter	Restored	Dis. by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Membership	Contribution
Arbor	Elders B. F. McKinney and W. C. King	...	...	...	...	...	...	40	$ 11.80
Big Meadows	Elders W. C. Jones, J. F. Buckner and W. H. Johnson	...	...	...	...	...	...	14	2.00
Country Line	Not represented	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....
Dan River	W. G. Dix and Elder W. F. Pruitt	1	...	...	1	...	...	42	5.00
Gilliam's	Elder J. W. Gilliam, Brethren G. W. Brooks and T. W. Bowles	...	1	...	...	...	...	19	8.10
Harmony	By Letter only	...	...	...	...	...	1	13	2.50
Lick Fork	Brothers C. L. Saunders, J. P. Lovelace and John R. Smith	4	...	...	...	...	3	24	10.00
Lynches' Creek	W. R. Hawkins and Wm. Warren	...	...	...	...	...	...	7	5.30
McCray	Elder J. W. Gilliam, Pastor and Brother A. G. Porterfield and wife	...	...	...	...	...	...	16	5.00
Moon's Creek	Elder J. P. Johnson	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	1.00
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1. The introductory sermon was preached by Elder Ben F. McKinney, Text: Acts 2:1-2; followed by Elder O. J. Denny, Text: Matt. 13:24.

2. After an intermission, the Association convened and after praise and prayer by Elder F. W. Keene, proceeded to business. On motion Brother E. R. Harris was chosen as Moderator. The Association Clerk called to his assistance, Elder T. A. Stanfield.

3. Petitionary letters were called for. None received.

4. The Moderator appointed Elders J. M. Lewis and H. F. Hutchens to go to the stand and preach to the people.

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From Fisher's River—Not represented.

From White Oak—Minutes.

From Mayo—Minutes. Elders J. M. Lewis, J. F. Spangler, and others.

From Kehukee—Minutes.

From Lower Country Line—Minutes. Brothers J. H. Gooch, H. E. Satterfield, Dr. Hall, and others.

From Abbott's Creek—No minutes. Brother Eugene Walser and wife.

From Contentnea—Minutes. Brothers E. A. Stanfield, H. L. Brake, and others.

From Pig River—Not represented.

From Smith River—Not represented.

From Staunton River—Not represented.

From New River—Not represented.

From Mill Branch—Minutes.

From Baltimore—Not represented.

From Bear Creek—Elder Green Morton.

From Salem—Minutes. Elder C. A. Davis.

From Mountain—Elder Ben Martin.

From Maine Conference—Elder F. W. Keene.

From Durham Association (Colored).—Minutes.

From Seven Mile—Minutes.

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7. Letters from the several churches composing the Upper Country Line Association were read, and their standing recorded in the statistical table of this Minute.

8. Motion: Resolved that the several churches of this Association instruct their messengers to our next session to change time to the 4th Saturday, Sunday and Monday in July of each year for the Association to meet.

9. On motion the Association adjourned to meet Monday morning, August 21st, at 9 o'clock.

E. R. HARRIS, Moderator,

ELDER J. W. GILLIAM, Association Clerk,

T. A. STANFIELD, Assistant Association Clerk.

MONDAY MORNING, AUGUST 21, 9:00 O'CLOCK.

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Black Creek—Minutes. Elder W. M. Monsees, W. C. Jones, and B. F. McKinney.

Staunton River—Minutes. Brothers R. A. Cox, G. W. Dix, and T. W. Rice.

Lower Country Line—Minutes. Elders W. M. Monsees, J. W. Gilliam, B. F. McKinney, and W. C. Jones.

Abbott's Creek—Minutes. Elders W. M. Monsees, C. L. Saunders, T. W. Rice, and G. W. Dix.

Fisher's River—Minutes.

Smith's River—Minutes.

New River—Minutes.

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Mountain—Minutes.

Pig River—Minutes. Brother T. W. Rice.

Durham Association (colored)—Minutes.

13. On motion it was agreed that our next Association be held with the Church at Big Meadows, to begin at 10 o'clock, on Saturday before the third Sunday in August 1923, and continue three days. Elder T. A. Stanfield to preach the introductory sermon, and Elder W. M. Monsees, his alternate.

14. The Finance Committee was called upon to report, the report being as follows:

Received from the churches	$136.55
Received from friends in the congregation	50.42
Total funds received	$186.97

Disbursements

To visiting preachers	$134.97
For printing and postage	37.00
Allowed clerk for services	15.00
Total funds disbursed	$186.97

The report of the Finance Committee was received and the Committee was then excused.

15. Ordered that our clerk have one thousand of these minutes printed and distributed with the churches of this Association and among the sister Associations with whom we correspond.

16. Whereas, our brethren have been well favored in preaching the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ, and many have been blessed to hear same and enjoy the Association now drawing to a close, be it therefore resolved:

First. That we return thanks to God for the blessings enjoyed.

Second. That we extend our thanks to the brethren and friends for their generous hospitality in taking care of the Association.

Third. That we extend thanks to the officers for keeping order during the Association.

Resolved, That this Association advises the churches of this Association to declare non-fellowship for W. A. Simpkins, former pastor of Raleigh Church, and all who follow him in his disorder as reported by Raleigh Church. Read and adopted by the Upper Country Line Association, present session.

MINISTERS

List of the ordained ministers in the Upper Country Line Association, with their postoffices:

Elder B. B. McKinney, McIver, N. C., R. No. 1.
Elder W. C. Jones, Burlington, N. C.
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Elder T. A. Stanfield, McIver, N. C., R. No. 1.

PREACHING

Saturday Afternoon—

1. Elder J. M. Lewis. Text: Be ye followers of me, etc.
2. Elder H. F. Hutchins. Rom. 7:24.

At 5:00 o'clock—Postponed on account of rain.
7:00 o'clock—Elder Gourley, Eph. 2:3-4.
Followed by Elder Green Morton—no special text.

Sunday Morning—

1. Elder F. W. Keene, Lev. 14:1-7.
2. Elder C. F. Denny, Isiah 40:1-8.
3. Elder Ben Martin, Gen. 2:21-22.

Sunday Afternoon—

1. Elder C. B. Hall, Songs of Sol. 3:3-5.
2. Elder C. A. Davis, Job. 26th chapter.

At 5:00 o'clock—Elder E. L. Cobb, Matt. 19:6.
Followed by Elder E. C. Oakes, Rom. 1:16.
At 7:00 o'clock—Brother David Spangler.
Followed by Elder Corbett.

Monday Morning—

1. Elder Green Morton, Ps. 26:16.
2. Elder J. F. Spangler, Isa. 46:9-11.
3. Elder C. B. Hall—no special text.

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Moon's Creek—Mrs. J. W. Neal, Danville, Va., R. No. 5	25
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Prospect Hill—W. D. Blalock, Prospect Hill, N. C	50
Reidsville—E. R. Harris. Reidsville, N. C	50
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Oak Grove—J. W. Watlington, Yanceyville, N. C., R. No. 1.	20
New Hope—J. S. Nole, Reidsville, N. C., R. No. 6	50
Monticello—J. J. Lambeth, Elon College, N. C	25
Greensboro—L. I. Harris, Greensboro, N. C	38
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Lower Country Line—J. H. Gooch, Stem, N. C.	20
White Oak—Elder Isaac Jones, Maple Hill, N. C.	20
Mountain—Mitchell Rictor	15
Pig River—Elder E. S. Blackenship, Boon's Mill, Va.	15
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Arbor	Elders W. C. King, W. A. McKinney and J. E. Simmons	...	...	...	...	...	...	40	$ 13.40
Big Meadows	Elders W. C. Jones and W. H. Johnson	...	...	...	...	...	2	12	2.00
Country Line	Not represented	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....
Dan River	W. G. Dix, A. H. Dickerson and W. T. Ward	...	...	...	2	2	...	38	5.00
Gilliams	Elders J. W. Gilliam, G. L. Rudd, Eugene Brooks and Sister Ida Cox	2	...	...	...	...	1	21	10.00
Harmony	W. A. Ward and J. I. Clayton	...	...	...	...	1	...	12	1.50
Lick Fork	Jno. R. Smith, C. L. Saunders and Sister Kate Hooper	1	...	1	2	...	...	21	10.00
Lynches' Creek	William Warren and W. R. Hawkins	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	2.00
McCray	A. G. Porterfield and Robert Cates	...	...	...	...	...	...	16	6.25
Moon's Creek	Elders J. P. Johnson and Ernest Evans	...	2	...	...	...	1	7	1.00
Oak Grove	Brother R. A. Poteat	...	...	...	...	2	...	6	2.00
Pleasant Grove	Elders B. B. McKinney and T. A. Stanfield, P. M. and G. W. Walker	4	1	1	...	...	2	54	18.90
Prospect Hill	W. D. Blalock, W. P. Warren, and W. D. Burch	4	...	...	...	...	1	28	14.00
Reidsville	Elder W. M. Monsees, Jas. A. Walker and E. R. Harris	...	...	...	...	...	...	30	19.00
Wolf Island	J. W. Delancy, J. H. Dye and J. R. Stone	2	...	...	...	...	...	44	6.00
New Hope	P. A. Paschal, John Somers and G. R. Robinson	...	...	...	...	1	1	24	7.50
Greensboro	J. R. Jones, J. H. Combs and I. E. Neal	2	2	...	...	1	...	38	8.00
Monticello	J. J., W. H. Lambeth and W. D. Lambeth	...	...	...	2	...	...	11	10.00
									$136.55

MINUTES

OF THE

Seventeenth Annual Session

OF THE

Upper Country Line

PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT

BIG MEADOWS, CHATHAM COUNTY, N. C.

August 18, 19 and 20, 1923

OFFICERS

E. R. HARRIS, Moderator, Reidsville, N. C.
ELDER J. W. GILLIAM, Association Clerk, Altamahaw, N. C., R.1
ELDER T. A. STANFIELD, McIver, N. C.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

We, the messengers of the several churches composing the Upper Country Line Association, agree, for the satisfaction of our brethren and friends, to publish an abstract of the principles of faith upon which we unite and will endeavor with the help of the Lord to maintain.

1. We believe in the being of God as Almighty, Eternal, Unchangeable, of infinite wisdom, power, justice, holiness, goodness, mercy and truth, and that this God has revealed Himself in His Word, under the character of Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

2. We believe that Almighty God has made known His mind and will to the children of men in His Word which Word we believe to be of divine authority and contains all things necessary to be known for the salvation of man. The same is comprehended or contained in the books of the Old and New Testaments.

3. We believe that God before the foundation of the world, for the purpose of His own glory, did elect a certain number of men and angels to eternal life, and that this election is particular, eternal, and unconditional on the creature's part.

4. We believe that when God made man he was good and upright, but by his own transgression he fell from that good and upright state and being the head and representative of the whole human race, they being his natural offspring, he involved all of them in the same ruined state with himself, and they partakers of and exposed to the miseries which sprang from his disobedience.

5. We believe that it is utterly out of the power of man as a fallen creature to keep the law of God perfectly, or to truly repent of his sins, or to believe in Christ, except he be drawn by the Holy Spirit.

6. We believe that in God's own appointed time and way the elect will be called, justified, pardoned and sanctified, and that it is impossible that they utterly refuse the call, but shall be willing by divine grace to receive mercy.

7. We believe that justification in the sight of God is only by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ, received and applied by faith.

8. We believe that God's elect will be converted and born again by the effectual working of the Holy Spirit.

9. We believe that those that are called by grace and born again persevere in holiness and never fall finally away.

10. We believe that it is the duty incumbent on all God's people to walk religiously in the old covenant way of seeking life and the favor of the Lord by it, but only as a duty from the principles of love.

11. We believe baptism and the Lord's supper are gospel ordinances, both belonging to the converted or true believer.

12. We believe that every church is independent in matters of discipline, and that Associations, Councils and Conferences of ministers or churches, are not to impose on the church the keeping, holding, or maintaining any principle or practice contrary to the church's judgment.

13. We believe in the general resurrection of the dead, both of the just and the unjust, and final judgment.

14. We believe the punishment of the wicked is everlasting and the joys of the righteous eternal.

15. We believe that no minister has a right to administer the ordinances unless he is called and comes under the imposition of hands by the presbytery.

16. Lastly, we believe that for the mutual comfort, union and satisfaction of the several churches of the aforesaid faith and order, we ought to meet in an association capacity wherein each church ought to be represented by their messengers to advise with each other in conference.

RULES OF DECORUM

1. The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

2. Only one person shall speak at a time, who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator in the beginning of his speech.

3. Every brother speaking shall adhere strictly to the subject under consideration and shall in no way reflect on any other brother.

4. No messenger shall absent himself from the Association while in conference without permission.

5. No messenger shall speak more than three times on the same subject without permission from the Association.

6. Messengers shall keep strict order while the business of the Association is being transacted.

7. No messenger shall be interrupted while speaking, unless he violates the rules of this decorum.

8. No messenger shall address another in any other term or appellation other than the title of brother.

9. The names of the members composing the Association shall be enrolled by the clerk and called over as often as the Association requires.

10. The moderator shall not speak on any question before the Association until all the other messengers are through speaking, when he may give his views, after, any messenger, having a right

to speak, may reply to any new matter introduced by the Moderator.

11. Any member who shall violate any of the rules of the Association shall be dealt with by the Association as it deems proper.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE UPPER COUNTRY LINE ASSOCIATION

1. The introductory sermon was preached by Elder T. A. Stanfield, Text: Psa. 35:10; followed by Elder C. A. Davis. No special text.

2. After an intermission, the Association convened and after praise and prayer by Elder C. F. Denny, proceeded to business. On motion Brother E. R. Harris was chosen as Moderator. The Association Clerk called to his assistance Elder T. A. Stanfield.

3. Petitionary letters called for. None received.

4. The Moderator appointed Elders J. E. Adams and W. R. Craft to go to the stand and preach to the people.

5. Messengers and visitors from sister Associations were invited to take seats with us, whereupon the following were seated:

From Little River—Elder J. E. Adams, Elder Jesse Barnes, and Bro. J. T. Phelps. Also minutes.

From Black Creek—Elders C. F. Denny, J. W. Wyatt and others.

From Fisher River—Not represented, except by minutes.

From White Oak—Minutes only.

From Mayo—Minutes. Elders J. F. and D. B. Spangler and Bro. I. H. Spangler.

From Kehukee—Minutes only.

From Lower Country Line—Minutes only.

From Abbots Creek—Bros. H. W. and E. G. Johnson and Eugene Walser.

From Contentnea—Minutes only.

From Pig River—Elder J. B. Wade and Bro. G. R. Minter.

From Smith River—Minutes only.

From Staunton River—Not represented.

From New River—Minutes only.

From Mill Branch—Minutes only.

From Baltimore—Not represented.

From Bear Creek—Not represented.

From Salem—Minutes. Elder C. A. Davis.

From Mountain—Minutes. Elder M. B. Martin.

From Maine Conference—Elder F. W. Keene.

From Seven Mile—Minutes only.

From Zion Association—R. S. Creed, visitor.

From Durham Asso. (Colored.)—Minutes only.

6. The messengers of Big Meadows Church, together with the Moderator, Clerk, and Assistant Clerk were chosen a committee on arrangements, and Brethren John Delancy and W. P. Warren were appointed a committee on Finance.

7. Letters from the several churches composing the Upper Country Line Association were read, and their standing recorded in the statistical table of this Minute.

8. On motion the Association adjourned to meet Monday morning, August 20th, at 9 o'clock.

E. R. HARRIS, Moderator,
ELDER J. W. GILLIAM, Association Clerk,
ELDER T. A. STANFIELD, Ass't Asso. Cl'k.

MONDAY MORNING, AUGUST 20, 9:00 O'CLOCK

9. The Association met according to appointment and after praise and prayer by Elder F. W. Keene proceeded to business.

10. The messengers who were appointed last year to visit sister Associations were called upon to report. The reports of those attending were very satisfactory, and those who did not attend were excused.

11. Messengers were appointed to visit sister Associations at their next sitting as follows:

Seven Mile—Minutes.

Little River—Minutes.

Mayo—Minutes. E. R. Harris, T. W. Rice, W. G. Dix and J. H. Combs.

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Contentnea—Minutes.

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Abbott's Creek—Minutes. Bro. J. M. Dennis.

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New River—Minutes.

Salem—Minutes. Elder J. W. Gilliam, J. H. Combs, Elder W. C. Jones, W. P. Warren, T. W. Rice, J. M. Dennis, J. W. DeLancy and H. T. Oakley.

Mountain—Minutes.

Pig River—Minutes. Bro. T. W. Rice and W. G. Dix.

12. On motion it was agreed that our next Association be held with the church at Country Line, Caswell County, N. C., to begin at 10 o'clock, on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in July, 1924, and continue three days.

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1. Elder J. E. Adams.
2. Elder W. R. Craft. Rom. 4 chapt.
3. Elder Jesse Barnes. Matt. 9:9.

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Sunday Morning—

1. Elder C. F. Denny. Isa. 61:1-3.
2. Elder F. W. Keene. Songs of Sol. 2:14.

Sunday Afternoon—

1. Elder J. B. Wade. No special text.
2. Elder M. B. Martin. Zech. 13:7.

At 5:00 o'clock—Elder J. W. Wyatt. Psa. 102:4-7.
At 7:00 o'clock—Bro. John DeLancy. No special text.
Elder J. W. Gilliam. Luke 24:25-26.

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Gilliam's	Elders J. W. Gilliam, Geo. L. Rudd and Loften Saunders	2	...	...	...	...	...	23	10.00
Harmony	W. A. Ward and J. I. Clayton	...	...	...	...	...	...	12	2.05
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Lynche's Creek	William Warren and W. R. Hawkins	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	2.50
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Moon's Creek	Sister Belle Neal, by letter received	...	...	...	...	...	...	7	1.00
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Pleasant Grove	H. W. Ware, S. L. Gwynn and Elder T. A. Stanfield	1	...	...	...	2	4	49	15.35
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PROCEEDINGS OF THE UPPER COUNTRY LINE ASSOCIATION

1. The introductory sermon was preached by Elder W. C. King, 1st Cor. 2:1-2, followed by Elder J. F. Spangler, 1st Cor. 2:5th.

2. After an intermission, the Association convened and after praise and prayer by Elder F. W. Keene, proceeded to business. On motion, Bro. E. R. Harris was chosen as moderator. The Association clerk called to his assistance Elder T. A. Stanfield.

3. Petitionary letters called for. None received.

4. The moderator appointed Elder J. P. Tingle and Elder E. C. Oakes to go to the stand and preach to the people.

5. Messengers and visitors from sister Associations were invited to take seats with us, whereupon the following were seated:

From Little River—Minutes.

From Black Creek—Elder J. W. Wyatt, D. C. Vanhoy and J. R. Watson; also minutes.

From Fisher River—Minutes.

From White Oak—Elder Isaac Jones; also minutes.

From Mayo—Elder J. F. Spangler, G. M. Trent, D. G. Trent and others; also minutes.

From Kehukee—Minutes.

From Lower Country Line—Brethren H. E. Satterfield, W. A. Warren and others; also minutes.

From Abbott's Creek—Minutes.

From Contentnea—Elder J. P. Tingle; also minutes.

From Pig River—Bros. G. R. Minter and Red Crumpton; also minutes.

From Smith River—Not represented.

From Staunton River—Bros. J. H. Butcher, H. M. Yarboro and B. F. Evans and others; no minutes.

From New River—Not represented.

From Mill Branch—Minutes.

From Baltimore—Not represented.

From Salem—Minutes; correspondence suspended pending action of their next meeting.

From Mountain—Elder M. B. Martin.

From Hunting Quarter Church—Elder L. H. Hardy, visitor.

From Main Conference—Elder F. W. Keene.

From Seven Mile—Not represented.

From Durham—Association (colored)—No minutes received.

6. The messenger of the Country Line Church together with the moderator, clerk and assistant clerk, were chosen a committee on arrangements, and Brehren W. A. McKinney and W. S. Rice were appointed a committee on finance.

7. Letters from several churches composing Upper Country Line Association were read, and their standing recorded in the statistical table of this minute.

To Whom It May Concern:

This is to certify that we, the ministers and messengers composing the Upper Country Line Association, in session at our annual conference with the church at Country Line, Caswell County, N. C., July 28, 1924, do hereby recognize the representatives, W. G. Dix, T. W. Rice and those in common interest and fellowship with them as the true church in Gospel order now at Dan River, Rockingham County, N. C.

E. R. Harris, Mod.

Elder J. W. Gilliam, Clerk.

Resolved: That our clerk be authorized to revise the list of our elders as heretofore published in our minutes by dorpping the name of said W. F. Pruitt, Ruffin, N. C., who by reason of disorder has no standing as a member of the church nor elder in our Association. Read and adopted.

E. R. Harris, Moderator.

J. W. Gilliam, Jr., Ass'n Clerk.

Resolved: That we go on record in this minute as approving and commending the action of our orderly brethren and sis-

ters at Dan River Church, Rockingham County, identified as W. G. Dix, T. W. Rice and others in common interest and fellowship with them, and at Oak Grove Church, Caswell County, identified as Brother and Sister Robert H. Jones, and those in common interest and fellowship with them, in withdrawing from and declaring non-fellowship for one J. R. Wilson and his disorderly followers at either and both of these churches; and,

Resolved further, that we consider our Association or any other regularg Primitive Baptist Association would act unwise and do violence to the cause of discipline, and order, and to the best salutary interest among our several churches and Associations, and would be guilty of disorder to knowingly receive into fellowship, seat in their church conferences or Associations, or hold as pastor or assistant pastor of any of our churches, or continue as editor or as associate editor of any of our religious papers, one who has been dismissed from fellowship their home churches.

Resolved; That we suspend correspondence with any and all Associations with whom we correspond who hold in their fellowship, correspond with or preach in their churches W. F. Fruitt, J. R. Wilson, and others in common interest and fellowship with them, pending action of said Association in withdrawing fellowship from these parties unless they be restored by their home church.

8. On motion the Association adjourned to meet Monday morning, July 28th, at 9:00 o'clock.

E. R. Harris, Moderator.
Elder J. W. Gilliam, Association Clerk.
Elder T. A. Stanfield, Assist. Asso. Clerk.

MONDAY MORNING, JULY 28, 9:00 O'CLOCK.

9. The Association met according to appointment and after praise and prayer by Elder W. R. Dodd, proceeded to business.

10 The messengers who were appointed last year to visit sister Associations were called upon to report. All reports care fully noted, and those who could not attend were excused.

11. Messengers were appointed to visit sister Associations at their next sitting as follows:

Seven Mile—Minutes.
Mayo—Minutes.
Kehukee—Minutes.
White Oak—Minutes.
Contentnea—Minutes, Elder T. A. Stanfield.

Black Creek—Minutes, Elder B. F. McKinney.

Stanton River—Minutes, Brethren R. A. Cox, W. G. Dix and Elder J. W. Gilliam.

Lower Country Line—Minutes; Elders W. C. King, B. F. McKinney and Brother W. P. Warren.

Abbott's Creek—Minutes, Brother J. M. Dennis.

Fisher's River—Minutes, Brother J. R. Jones.

Smith's River—Minutes.

New River—Minutes, T. W. Rice.

Salem—Correspondence susupended, pending action at their next sitting.

Mountain—Minutes.

Pig River—Minutes, Brethren R. A. Cox, W. G. Dix, and T. W. Rice and Elder J. W. Gilliam.

Durham Association (Colored)—Minutes.

12. On motion it was agreed that our next Association be held with the Church at Harmony, to begin at 10:00 o'clock on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in July, 1925, and continue three days, and Elder B. F. McKinney is requested to preach the introductory sermon, and Elder W. C. Jones, alternate. Six miles north of Mebane, N. C., the nearest R. R. station.

13. The finance committee was called upon to report; the report being as follows:

Received from the churches	$120.90
Received from friends in the congregation	40.96
Total funds received	$161.86

DISBURSEMENTS

To visiting preachers	$101.86
For printing and postage and expenses in mailing minutes, lights, officers, clerk fee, etc	60.00
Total funds disbursed	$161.86

The report of the finance committee was received and the committee was then excused.

14. Ordered that our clerk have one thousand of these minutes printed and distributed with the churches of this Association and among the sister Associations with whom we correspond.

15. Whereas; our brethren have been well favored in preaching the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ, and many have been

blessed to hear same and enjoy the Association now drawing to a close, be it therefore resolved:

First. That we return thanks to God for the blessings enjoyed.

Second. That we extend our thanks to the brethren and friends for their generous hospitality in taking care of the Association.

Third. That we extend thanks to the officers for keeping order during the Association.

Fourth. That we extend thanks to the warehousemen and the Board of Trade of Mebane, N. C., for furnishing ice water for the Association.

Fifth. That we extend thanks to Home Light Company, Mr. Edgar King, Union Ridge, N. C., R. F. D., salesman, for electric lights during the Association.

MINISTERS

Elders in our Association, and addresses:
Elder B. B. McKinney, McIver, N. C., Route No. 1.
Elder W. C. Jones, Burlington, N. C.
Elder O. J. Denny, Winston-Salem, N. C.
Elder J. W. Gilliam, Altamahaw, N. C., Route No. 1.
Elder B. F. McKinney, Hurdle Mills, N. C.
Elder W. M. Monsees, Wilson, N. C.
Elder W. C. King, Union Ridge, N. C., Route 1.
Elder J. P. Johnson, Danville, Va., Route No. 3.
Elder T. A. Stanfield, McIver, N. C., Route No. 1.

PREACHING.

Saturday Afternoon—

1. Elder J. P. Tingle—Did not get his text.
2. Elder E. C. OakesrDid not get his text.

Sunday Morning—

1. Elder L. H. Hardy—Text, 1 Peter 1:3-5.
2. Elder F. W. Keene—Text: "I will be as the dew unto Isreal."
3. Elder H. F. Hutchens—Text: John 20:28.

Sunday Afternoon—

Elder Isaac Jones—Text: No special text.

2. Elder J. W. Wyatt—Text: Psa. 23:1-3.
3. Elder J. F. Stigall—Text: Isa. 40:10 11.
4. Elder W. R. Dodd—Text: No text in particular.

Monday Morning—

1. Elder D. B. Spangler—Text: Heb. 8:1.
2. Elder G. P. Staples—Text 5:32

N. B.—I did not get texts of those who preached at night.

MAILING LIST OF CHURCHES

	No. Minutes
Arbor—J. E. Simmons, Yanceyville, N. C., R. 2	60
Big Meadows—Elder W. C. Jones, Burlington, N. C.	25
Country Line—Elder W. C. King, Union Ridge, N. C.	15
Dan River—W. G. Dix, Ruffin, N. C., Route No. 2	40
Gilliam's—Elder J. W. Gilliam, Altamahaw, N C., R. No 1	40
Harmony—W. A. Ward, Cedar Grove, N. C.	30
Lick Fork—C. L. Saunders, Reidsville, N. C., R. No. 5	30
Lynch's Creek—W. R. Hawkins, Cedar Grove, N. C., R. 2	25
McCray—A. G. Porterfield, Burlington, N. C., R. No. 3	25
Moon's Creek—Mrs. J. W Neal, Danville, Va., R. No. 5	25
Pleasant Grove—Elder T. A. Stanfield, McIver, N C., R. 1	50
Prospect Hill—W. D. Blalock, Prospect Hill, N. C.	50
Reidsville—E. R. Harris, Reidsville, N. C.	50
Wolf Island—J. R. Stone, Reidsville, N. C., R. No. 3	55
Oak Grove—Robt. H. James, Yanceyville, N. C., R. No. 1	20
New Hope, J. S. Nole, Reidsville, N. C., R. No. 6	50
Monticello—J. J. Lambeth, Elon College, N. C.	25
Greensboro—I. E. Neal, Greensboro, N. C.	38
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List of churches composing the Upper Country Line Primitive Baptist Association, with order of rotation of sessions since the Country Line Association divided into Upper and Lower Country Line Associations in 1906, as follows:

*Harmony	1907-1925
Reidsville	1908
Gilliam's	1909
Oak Grove	1910
Lynch's Creek	1911
Lick Fork	1912
Pleasant Grove	1913
McCray	1914
Greensboro	1915
Dan River	1916
New Hope	1917
Moon's Creek	1918
Monticello	1919
Prospect Hill	1920
Wolf Island	1921
Bush Arbor	1922
Big Meadows	1923
Country Line	1924

* Appointed to be held.

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO ASSOCIATIONS

Abbott's Creek—A. L. Owens, Salisbury, N. C.	18
Black Creek—Elder C. F. Denny, Wilson, N. C.	18
Contentnea—Elder J. P. Tingle, Grantsboro, N. C.	20
Fisher's River—Elder F. P. Stone, Francisco, N. C., R. No. 1	25
Kehukee—Elder Sylvester Hassell, Williamston, N. C.	27
Little River—Elder J. A. T. Jones, McCullers, N. C.	20
Mayo—Elder E. M. Barnard, Peter's Creek, Va.	
New River—Elder P. G. Lester, Roanoke, Va.	20
Salem—W. L. Teague, Winston-Salem, N. C.	18
Smith's River—Q. D. Weeks, Willis, Va., R. No. 2	18
Staunton River—R. L. Dodson, Ringold, Va.	18
Lower Country Line—J. H. Gooch, Stem, N. C.	20
White Oak—Elder Isaac Jones, Maple Hill, N. C.	20
Mountain—J. M. Rector, Baywood, Va.	15
Pig River—Elder E. S. Blackenship, Boon's Mill, Va.	15
Seven Mile—Elder L. A. Johnson, Benson, N. C.	15
Mill Branch—W. C. Brown, Tabor, N. C.	20
Durham (colored)—Bro. Joe Graves, Reidsville, N. C., R. 5	20
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STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	NAMES OF MESSENGERS	Rec'd by E. and Ba.	Rec'd by Letter	Restored	Dis. by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Membership	Contribution
Arbor	Elders B. K. McKinney and W. C. King	1	...	...	...	...	1	36	$ 13.00
Big Meadows ..	Elder W C. James	...	...	...	...	...	...	13	2.00
Country Line ..	Elder W. C. King	...	...	...	...	...	...	7	8.50
Dan River	W. G. Dix, T. W. Rice, R. A. Cox	...	...	2	...	23	...	20	4.00
Gilliam's	Elder J. W. Gilliam, G. L. Rudd, T. W. Saunders	2	...	...	1	...	...	24	5.75
Harmony	W. A. Ward	...	...	...	...	1	...	11	2.00
Lick Fork	Jno. R. Smith, C. L. Saunders, Jno. Lovelace	...	...	...	...	...	...	24	6.00
Lynch's Creek .	W. R. Hawkins	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	1.00
McCray	G A. Porterfield, Robert Cates	...	...	...	...	...	...	15	5.00
Moon's Creek ..	Sister Belle Neal, Acting Clerk	...	...	...	...	...	...	7	1.00
Oak Grove	R. H. Jones and wife, Liney Gunn	...	...	...	...	2	...	4	2.00
Pleasant Grove .	Elder T. A. Stanfield, G. W. Walker, S. L. Bwyn	...	...	...	...	...	1	48	14.40
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Reidsville	B. L. Hurdle, J. B Gardner, E. R. Harris	...	...	...	...	...		29	10.00
Wolf Island ...	J. W. Delaney, J. H. Dye, W. A. Slidewell	...	...	...	...	...	1	41	6.00
New Hope	D. B. Paschol, Jr., H. Wall, G. R. Robertson	...	...	...	...	2	...	21	6.25
Monticello	J. J. Lambeth, H. W. Lambeth, Pendleton O' Ferrell	...	...	...	...	...	...	11	10.00
Greensboro ...	J. H. Combs, I. E. Neal, J. M. Dennis	3	...	...	...	...	1	39	10.00
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HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT

HARMONY, ORANGE COUNTY, N. C.

July 25, 26 and 27, 1925

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2. After an intermission the Association convened and after praise and prayer by Elder Isaac Jones proceeded to business.

First business—Roll call of churches, with absentees marked.

On motion, Bro. E. R. Harris was chosen as moderator.

The Association clerk called to his assistance Bro. B. L. Hurdle.

3. Petitionary letters called for. None received.

4. The moderator appointed Elder D. V. Spangler and Elder H. F. Hutchens to go to the stand and preach to the people.

5. Messengers and visitors from sister Association were invited to take seats with us, whereupon the following were seated, from:

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Fisher's River—Minutes, and Bro. J. D. Key.

White Oak—Minutes and Elder Isaac Jones.

Mayo—Minutes, and Elders D. V. Spangler and H. F. Hutchens and Bro. J. M. Compton.

Kehukee—Minutes.

Lower Country Line—Minutes, and Bro. H. E. Satterfield, W. A. Warren, Elder C. B. Hall and Bro. J. H. Gooch.

Abbott's Creek—Minutes.

Contentnea—Minutes.

Pig River—Bros. G. R. Minter and T. H. Eanes.

Smith's River—Not represented.

Staunton River—Minutes and Bro. J. H. Butcher and Sisters Butcher and Abbott.

New River—Not represented.

Mill Branch—Not represented.

Baltimore—Eld. Joshua T. Rowe.

Agreed to renew correspondence with Salem Association.

Salem—Bro. J. W. Turner; no minutes.

Mountain—Minutes, and Elder M. B. Martin, visitor.

Roaring River Association—Elder W. R. Craft, visitor.

Maine Conference—Elder F. W. Keene.

Seven Mile—Not represented.

Zion—Minutes.

Durham Association (colored).

Mount Enon Association (Florida—Elder M. L. Gilbert.

6. The Pastor, Eld. W. C. Jones, of Harmony Church, together with the moderator, clerk, and assistant clerk were chosen a committee on arrangements, and Brethren Willie Hawkins and J. J. Lambeth were appointed a committee on finance.

7. Letters from the several churches composing the Upper Country Line Association were read, and their standing recorded in the statistical table of this minute.

8. On motion the Association adjourned to meet Monday, July 27th, at 9 o'clock.

E. R. Harris, Moderator.
Elder J. W. Gilliam, Asso. Clerk.
B. L. Hurdle, Assist. Asso. Clerk.

MONDAY MORNING, JULY 27TH, 9:00 O'CLOCK

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Abbott'sCreek—Minutes, Bro. J. M. Dennis, Elder W. C. Jones, Elder J. W. Gilliam.

Contentnea—Minutes.

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Smith's River—Minutes.

Staunton River—Minutes, Bros. W. G. Dix, T. W. Rice, E. R. Harris and Elder J. W. Gilliam.

New River—Minutes.

Mill Branch—Minutes.

Baltimore—Minutes.

Salem—Minutes, Bros. J. H. Dyer, J. W. Delancey, J. M. Dennis.

and Elder J. W. Gilliam.
Mountain—Minutes.
Seven Mile—Minutes.

12. On motion it was agreed that our next Association be held with the church at Reidsville, N. C., to begin at 10 o'clock on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in July, 1926, and continue three days, and Elder J. W. Gilliam is requested to preach the introductory sermon and Elder B. F. McKinney alternate.

13.—The Finance Committee was called upon to report; the report being as follows:

Contribution from the churches	$123.07
Contribution from friends in the congregation	95.49
Total funds received	$218.56

DISBURSEMENTS

To Sister Neal for afflicted Sister Herndon	$ 25.00
Water and ice	40.00
To officers	10.00
To printing, postage and mailing 1,000 minutes	37.00
To Association clerk for service	15.00
To visiting ministers	91.56
Total disbursements	$218.56

The report of the Finance Committee was received and the committee was then excused.

14. Ordered that our clerk have 1,000 of these minutes printed and distributed with the churches of this Association and among the sister Associations with whom we correspond.

15. Whereas; our brethren have been well favored in preaching the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, and many have been blessed to hear and understand same, and enjoy the Association now drawing to a close, be it therefore resolved:

First. That we return thanks to God for the blessings enjoyed.

Second. That we extend our thanks to the brethren and friends for their generous hospitality in taking care of the Association.

Third. That we extend thanks to the officers for keeping order.

Note of thanks—Resolved that we extend special thanks to our Bro. B. F. McKinney for his untireing efforts in arranging for water, and the general comfort of this Association.

MINISTERS

Elders in our Association and their addresses:
Elder B. B. McKinney, Reidsville, N. C. Star Route.
Elder W. C. Jones, Burlington, N. C.
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Elder J. P. Johnson, Danville, Va. Route No. 3.
Elder T. A. Stanfield, Reidsville, N. C. Star Route.

VISITING ELDERS AT THIS SESSION

Elder Isaac Jones, White Oak Association.
Elder F. W. Keene, Maine Conference.
Elder M. L. Gilbert, Mount Enon Association (Florida).
Elder J. W. Wyatt, Black Creek Association.
Elder H. F. Hutchens, Mayo Association.
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Elder M. B. Martin, Mountain Association.
Elder J. T. Collier, Black Creek Association.
Elder C. B. Hall, Lower Country Line Association.

PREACHING

Introductory Sermon—Elder B. F. McKinney—Text: I Cor 2:1-5.
Saturday Afternoon—
1. Elder D. V. Spangler—Text: Luke 2.
2. Elder H. F. Hutchens—Text: Nahum 1:7.
3. Elder Jim Spencer—Text: Isaiah 11:6.

At 5 O'Clock—
Elder T. Y. Monk—Text: II Cor. 12:2.

Sunday Morning—
1. Elder Isaac Jones—Text: Titus 2:11.
2. Elder E. L. Cobb—Text: John 5:2-11.
3. Elder Joshua T. Rowe—Text: Heb. 12:1-3.

Sunday Afternoon—
1. Elder F. W. Keene—Text: Songs of Solomon 2:14.
2. Elder J. W. Wyatt—Text: I Peter 4:11.
3. Elder M. L. Gilbert—Text: I Peter 4:11.

At 5 O'Clock—
1. Elder W. R. Craft—Text: II Tim. 4:1-4.

Sunday Night at the House—

1. Elder W. C. Jones—Text: Isaiah 41:1-2.
2. Bro. J. W. Delancy—Ne special text.

Monday Morning—

1. Elder M. B. Martin—Text: Songs of Solomon 4:5.
2. Elder J. T. Collier—Text: Acts 10:26.
3. Elder C. B. Hall—Text: I Cor. 13:13.

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Pleasant Grove—Elder T. A. Stanfield, Reidsville, N. C., Star Route 50
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Monticello—J. J. Lambeth, Elon College, N. C..... 25
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Bush Arbor	Elder B. F. McKinney, J. E. Simmons, P. T. Walker	4					1	39	$ 11.37
Big Meadows	Elder W. C. Jones, W. H. Johnson			1			2	12	2.00
Country Line	Elder W. C. King	1						8	5.00
Dan River	W. G. Dix, T. W. Rice, J. H. Griffith			1			1	21	6.00
Gilliam's	Elder J. W. Gilliam, Geo. L. Rudd, *P. N. Somers							24	6.35
Harmony	Bro. W. A. Ward							11	2.00
Lick Fork	*C. L. Saunders, *C. L. Apple, *J. P. Lovelace		1				2	23	8.00
Lynch's Creek	Wm. Warren						1	4	3.00
McCray's	A. G. Porterfield, Robt. Cates, Sister Whitfield						1	14	7.25
Moon's Creek	Sister Belle Neal, Sister Travis							7	1.00
Oak Grove	Bro. and Sister Poteat, *Sister Gunn			2				6	5.00
Pleasant Grove	*G. W. Walker, S. L. Gwyn, *Elder B. B. McKinney						2	46	6.35
Prospect Hill	W. D. Blalock, W. P. Warren, W. D. Burch				1			23	8.75
Reidsville	B. L. Hurdle, *J. B. Gardner, E. R. Harris						1	28	12.25
Wolf Island	J. W. Deloncy, J. H. Dye, R. S. Somers		1			1		43	6.00
New Hope	D. B. Paschal, Geo. R. Robertson, Jim Allen			1			1	21	16.00
Monticello	J. J. Lambeth, *H. W. Lambeth, *W. D. Lambeth							11	6.75
Greensboro	J. R. Jones, J. M. Dennis, I. E. Neal							39	10.00
		5	2	5	1	1	12	380	$123.09

Absentees marked *.

MINUTES

— OF THE —

TWENTIETH ANNUAL SESSION

— OF THE —

UPPER COUNTRY LINE PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH THE CHURCH

—AT—

REIDSVILLE, ROCKINGHAM COUNTY, N. C.

July 24, 25 and 26, 1926

OFFICERS

E. R. HARRIS, Moderator, Reidsville, N. C.
ELDER J. W. GILLIAM, Association Clerk, Altamahaw, N. C.
ELDER T. A. STANFIELD, Assistant Clerk, Reidsville, N. C.

Articles of Faith

We, the messengers of the several churches composing the Upper Country Line Association, agree, for the satisfaction of our brethren and friends, to publish an abstract of the principles of faith upon which we unite and will endeavor with the help of the Lord to maintain.

1. We believe in the being of God as Almighty, Eternal, Unchangeable, of infinite wisdom, power, justice, holiness, goodness, mercy and truth, and that this God has revealed Himself in His Word, under the character of Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

2. We believe that Almighty God has made known His mind and will to the children of men in His Word which Word we believe to be of divine authority and contains all things necessary to be known for the salvation of man. The same is comprehended or contained in the books of the Old and New Testaments.

3. We believe that God before the foundation of the world, for a purpose of his own glory, did elect a certain number of men and angels to eternal life, and that this election is particular, eternal and unconditional on the creature's part.

4. We believe that when God made man he was good and upright, but by his own transgression he fell from that good and upright state, and being the head and representative of the whole human race, they being his natural offspring, he involved all of them in the same ruined state with himself, and they were partakers of, and exposed to, the miseries which sprang from his disobedience.

5. We believe that it is utterly out of the power of man as a fallen creature to keep the law of God perfectly, or to truly repent of his sins, or believe in Christ, except he be drawn by the Holy Spirit.

6. We believe in God's own appointed time and way the elect will be called, justified, pardoned and sanctified, and that it is impossible that they can utterly refuse the call; but shall be willing by divine grace to receive mercy.

7. We believe that justification in the sight of God is only by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ, received and applied by faith.

8. We believe that God's elect will be converted and born again by the effctual working of the Holy Spirit.

9. We believe that those that are called by grace and born again by the effectual working of the Holy Spirit.

10. We believe it to be a duty incumbent on all God's people to walk religiously in all God's works, not in the old covenant way of seeking life and the favor of the Lord by it, but only as a duty from a principal of love.

11. We believe baptism by immersion, and the Lord's supper are gospel ordinances, both belonging to the converted or

true believer.

12. We believe that every church is independent in matters of discipline and that associations, councils and conferences of ministers or churches, are not to impose on the church, the keeping, holding or maintaining of any principal or practice contrary to the church's judgment.

13. We believe in the general resurrection of the dead, both of the just and the unjust, and final judgment.

14. We believe the punishment of the wicked is everlasting and the joys of the righteous eternal.

15. We believe that no minister has a right to administer the ordinances unless called and comes under the imposition of hands by the presbytery.

16. Lastly, we believe that for the mutual comfort, union and satisfaction of the several churches of the aforesaid faith and order, we ought to meet in an association capacity wherein each church ought to be represented by the messengers to advise with each other in conference.

RULES OF DECORUM

1. The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

2. Only one person shall speak at a time, who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator in the beginning of his speech.

3. Every brother speaking shall adhere strictly to the subject under consideration and shall in no way reflect on any other brother.

4. No messenger shall absent himself from the Association while in conference without permission.

5. No messenger shall speak more than three times on the same subject without permission from the Association.

6. Messengers shall keep strict order while the business of the Association is being transacted.

7. No messengers shall be interrupted while speaking, unless he violates the rules of this decorum.

8. No messengers shall address another in any other term or appellation other than the title of brother.

9. The names of the members composing the Association shall be enrolled by the clerk and called over as often as the Association requires.

10. The Moderator shall not speak on any question before the Association until all the other messengers are through speaking, when he may give his views, after any messenger, having a right to speak, may reply to any new matter introduced by the Moderator.

11. Any member who shall violate any of the rules of the Association shall be dealt with by the Association as it deems proper.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE UPPER COUNTRY LINE ASSOCIATION

1. The introductory sermon was preached by Elder J. W. Gilliam, 1st Peter 1:1-5 verses and Elder O. J. Denny, Rom. 5:6, 7, 8 and 9 and Rom. 6: last verse.

2. After an intermission the Association convened and after praise and prayer by Elder F. W. Keene, proceed to business.

(a) Moved that the Clerk call the roll of churches and mark all absentee messengers, which was agreed.

(b) Moved that we elect Deacon E. R. Harris Moderator, which was done.

(c) Moved that the Committee on Arrangements for Preaching shall consist of the Moderator of the Association, the Association Clerk, and the Messengers from Reidsville Church, which was agreed.

(d) Moved that the Moderator appoint all necessary committees, which was agreed, and the following appointed, to-wit: Committee on Finance.....J. J. Lambeth, C. S. Delancy
Committee to Distribute Minutes.....T. W. Rice, W. D. Blalock

(e) Moved that the Clerk be allowed to call an assistant, which was agreed, and Elder T. A. Stanfield was called to his assistance.

3. Petitionary letters were called for. None received.

4. Messengers and visitors from corresponding associations were invited to take seats with us, whereupon the following were seated:

Little River—Elder Everett Jones.

Black Creek—Elder J. W. Wyatt and Minutes.

Fishers River—Elder G. O. Key and Minutes.

White Oak—Elder Isaac Jones and Minutes.

Mayo—Elders H. F. Hutchens, J. F. and D. V. Spangler, J. A. Fagg and others.

Kehukee—Minutes.

Lower Country Line—Bros. H. E. Satterfield, W. A. Warren, Elder E. C. Oakes and others, and Minutes.

Abbott's Creek—Elder Sam McMillian, L. A. Wright, T. L. Maness, C. B. Owens and Elder H. S. Williams.

Contentnea—Bro. E. A. Stanfield, Elders J. P. Tingle, A. M. Crisp and Minutes.

Pig River—J. W. Ramsey, T. H. Eanes and others.

Smith's River—Elders J. D. Cockram, L. I. Gilbert.

Staunton River—Brethren J. H. Butcher, T. J. Wood, Elders W. R. Dodd, J. E. Herndon, and Minutes.

New River—Not represented. Minutes.

Mill Branch—Not represented.

Baltimore—Not represented.

Salem—Elder C. A. Davis, Bro. W. L. Teague, and others and Minutes.

Mountain—Not represented. Minutes.

Maine Conference—Elder F. W. Keene.

Seven Mile—Not represented.

Zion—Not represented. Minutes.

Durham—(Colored) Minutes.

5. Letters from the several churches composing the Upper Country Line Association were read, and their standing recorded in the statistical table of this minute.

6. On motion the Association adjourned to meet again Monday morning, July 26, 1926, at 9 o'clock.

E. R. HARRIS, Moderator.

J. W. GILLIAM, Association Clerk.

MONDAY MORNING, JULY 26, 9:00 O'CLOCK

7. The Association met according to appointment, and after praise and prayer by Elder L. H. Hardy proceeded to business.

8. The messengers who were appointed last year to visit sister Assocaitions were call upon to report. All reports were carefully noted, and those who could not attend were excused.

9. Messengers were appointed to visit sister Associations at their next sitting as follows:

Little River—Elder J. W. Gilliam.

Black Creek—Elder J. W. Gilliam, Elder B. F. McKinney.

Fisher's River—Minutes.

White Oak—Elders, J. W. Gilliam, M. B. Martin.

Mayo—Elder O. J. Denny, Bro. W. G. Dix.

Kehukee—Elder T. A. Stanfield.

Lower Country Line—Elders J. W. Gilliam, O. J. Denny, M. B. Martin, B. F. McKinney, W. P. Warren, and others.

Abbott's Creek—Elders J. W. Gilliam, W. C. Jones, and others.

Contentnea—J. M. Dennis, Elders M. B. Martin, W. M. Maness, T. A. Stanfeild.

Pig River—Minutes.

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Staunton River—Elders J. W. Gilliam, B. F. McKinney, O. J. Denny, E. R. Harris.

New River—Minutes.

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Salem—Elders J. W. Gilliam, W. C. Jones, J. M. Dennis, J. R. Jones

Mountain—Minutes
Seven Mile—Minutes.
Durham—(Colored) Minutes.

10. On motion it was agreed that our next Association be held with the Church at Gilliam's Alamance County, N. C., to begin at 10 o'clock on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in July 1927, and continue three days, and Elder B. F. McKinney be requested to preach the introductory sermon, and Elder B. B. McKinney to be his alternate.

11. The Finance Committee made the following report to the Association:

Contributions from the churches	$127.76
Contributions from the friends in the congregation	26.35
Totals funds received	$154.11

RECOMMENDATION FOR DISTRIBUTION

For printing, postage, and mailing 1,000 Minutes	$ 37.00
For the Clerk's services	15.00
For visiting ministers	102.11
Total Disbusements	$154.11

Moved that the report of the Finance Committee be received and the Committee excused, which was agreed.

12. Moved that our Clerk have 1,000 of these Minutes printed and distributed with the churches of this Association and among the Sister Associations with whom we correspond, which was agreed.

13. Whereas: our brethren have been well favored in preaching the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, and many have been blessed to hear and understand same, and enjoy the Association now drawing to a close, be it therefore resolved:

(a) That we return thanks to God for the blessings enjoyed.

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Elder T. A. Stanfield, Reidsville, N. C. Star Route.
Elder M. B. Martin, Altamahaw, N. C. Route No. 2.

VISITING ELDERS AT THIS SESSION OF OUR ASSOCIATION

Elder C. A. Davis, Salem Association.
Elder Isaac Jones, White Oak.
Elder L. H. Hardy, Hunting Quarters Church.
Elder J. F. Spangler, Mayo.
Elder J. W. Flinchum, Mayo.
Elder D. V. Spangler, Mayo.
Elder J. W. Wyatt, Black Creek.
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Elder Everett Jones, Little River.
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Elder E. L. Cobb, Black Creek.
Elder S. J. Reich, Salem Association.
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Elder H. S. Williams, Abbott's Creek.
Elder L. J. Gilbert, Smith River.
Elder F. W. Keene, Maine Conference.

PREACHING

The introductory sermon was preached by Elder J. W. Gilliam from 1st. Peter 1:1-4.

Saturday Afternoon—

1. Elder J. A. Fagg—Text: Matt. 9:1.
2. Elder G. O. Key—Text: The foundation of God standeth sure, etc., and II Tim. 2:19.

At 5 O'Clock—

1. Elder J. D. Cockram—Text: John 5:25-28.

At 8 O'Clock—

1. Elder H. F. Hutchens—Text: Ex. 11:7.
2. Elder D. V. Spangler—Text: Rom. 8:1-2.

Sunday Morning, 10 O'Clock—

1. Elder Isaac Jones—Text: In that day shall a fountain be opened.
2. Elder L. H. Hardy—Text: Eph. 1:1-6.
3. Elder J. F. Spangler—Text: Prov. 8:22-24.

Sunday Afternoon—

1. Elder Samuel McMillian—Text: St. Mark 4:3-8.
2. Elder E. L. Cobb—Did not get text.
3. Elder J. W. Flinchum—Text: 1st Cor. 2:1.

At 5 O'Clock—

1. Elder W. R. Dodd—Text: Heb. 11:1-2.
2. Elder H. S. Williams—Text: II Tim. 4-2.
3. Elder Ben Martin—Text: As many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.

At 8 O'Clock—

1. Elder J. W. Wyatt—Text: Col. 1-16.
2. Elder F. W Keene—Text: Ex. 13:13.

Monday Morning, at 10:30—

1. Elder J. F. Stigall—Did not get text.
2. Elder J. P. Tingle—Did not get text.
3. Elder C. A. Davis—Did not get text.

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Big Meadows	Elders W. C. Jones, *W. H. Johnson, *N. P. Napier	1					2	11	2.00
Country Line	Elder W. C. King, Pastor by request							8	8.00
Dan River	Bren. W. G. Dix, T. W. Rice, *L. B. Strader						1	20	6.00
Gilliam's	Elder J. W. Gilliam, G. L. Rudd, *T. W. Saunders	1			1			24	17.26
Harmony	Brother *W. A. Ward, *Sister Wilson							11	2.00
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Pleasant Grove	Bro. R. A. Poteat, Sister Poteat, *Bro. R. H. Jones	1	1					48	10.35
Reidsville	Bros. E. R, Harris, B L Hurdle					1	1	26	13.00
Wolf Island	Elder W. C. Jones, Pastor by request	2					1	44	2.00
New Hope	Bros. *G. R. Robertson, D. B. Paschal, J. J. Somers				1	1	3	16	4.00
Monticello	Bren. J. J. Lambeth, H. W. Lambeth, W. D. Lambeth	2						13	7.00
Greensboro	Elder O. J. Denny, *J. R. Jones, *J. H. Combs		3					41	10.50
	Totals	10	7		8	2	9	377	127.76

Absentees marked *.

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MINUTES

OF THE

TWENTY-FIRST ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

UPPER COUNTRY LINE PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH THE CHURCH

AT

GILLIAM'S, ALAMANCE COUNTY,
NORTH CAROLINA

July 23, 24 and 25, 1927

OFFICERS

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(a) Moved that the Clerk call the roll of the churches and mark all absentee messengers, which was agreed.

(b) Moved that we elect a Moderator for this session, whereupon Deacon E. R. Harris was elected, and given the permission to appoint an assistant, and he chose Elder B. F. McKinney as his assistant.

(c) Moved that the Committee on Arrangements shall consist of the Moderator, the Assistant Moderator, the Association Clerk, the Assistant Association Clerk, and the Messenger from Gilliam's Church, which was agreed.

(d) Moved that the Moderator appoint any necessary committees, which was agreed, and the Moderator appointed on Committee of Finance Brethren J. J. Lambeth and W. D. Blalock.

(e) Moved that the Clerk be allowed to call an assistant, which was agreed, and Elder T. A. Stanfield was called to his assistance.

3. Petitionary Letters were called for, but none received.

4. Messengers and visitors from corresponding associations were invited to take seats with us, whereupon the following were seated, to-wit:

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Staunton River: Minutes—Brothers J. H. Butcher, John F. Williams, and Sister Butcher.

New River: Minutes.

Mill Branch: Not represented.

Baltimore Association: Represented by Elder L. H. Hardy.

Salem: Minutes—Elder C. A. Davis and Brother J. M. Dennis, Elder W. A. Gourley and Sister Bessie N. Idol.

Mountain Association: Minutes. On motion Elder M. B. Martin was requested to correspond with the Moderator or Clerk of the Mountain Association to know their pleasure in correspondence, whether with us, or those affiliated with the J. R. Wilson disorder, as Lee Hanks.

Maine Conference: Elder F. W. Keene.

Seven Mile: Not representd.

Zion: Minutes.

Durham Association: (Col.) Minutes.

Elder L. H. Hardy, Huntings Quarters Church, N. C.

From Ormond Church, Fla., visitor Elder S. S. Pickett.

5. Letters from the several churches composing the Upper Country Line were received, read, and their standing recorded in the statistical table of this minute.

6. On motion the Association adjourned to meet again Monday morning, July 25, 1927, at 9 o'clock.

DEACON E. R. HARRIS, Moderator.

ELDER B. F. McKINNEY, Assistant Moderator.

ELDER J. W. GILLIAM, Association Clerk.

ELDER T. A. STANFIELD, Assistant Clerk.

MONDAY MORNING, JULY 25, 1927, AT 9 O'CLOCK

7. The Association met according to appointment, and after praise and prayer by Elder S. S. Pickett, proceeded to business.

8. The Messengers who were appointed last year to visit sister Associations were called upon for a report. All reports were carefully noted, and those who could not attend were excused.

9. Messengers who took appointment to visit sister Associations at their next sitting are as follows:

Little River: Minutes.

Black Creek: Minutes—Elders M. B. Martin, T. A. Stanfield, and B. F. McKinney.

Fisher's River: Minutes.

White Oak: Minutes—Elders M. B. Martin, J. W. Gilliam, B. F. McKinney, and Brother J. H. Dye.

Mayo: Minutes—Brothers G. W. Dix and T. W. Rice.

Kehukee: Minutes.

Lower Country Line: Minutes—Elders J. W. Gilliam, W. C. King, and B. F. McKinney.

Abbott's Creek: Minutes—Elders M. B. Martin, T. A. Stanfield, and B. F. McKinney.

Pig River: Moved that we ask for direct correspondence, and

Elder J. W. Gilliam, and Brothers Dix and Rice took appointments.

Smith's River: Minutes.

Staunton River: Minutes—Elder J. W. Gilliam, and Brothers G. W. Dix, T. W. Rice, and R. A. Cox.

New River: Minutes.

Mill Branch: Minutes.

Baltimore—Elder L. H. Hardy appointed as our correspondent.

Salem: Minutes—Elder J. W. Gilliam, and Brethren G. W. Dix and R. A. Cox.

Mountain—Investigation regarding their preaching those in fellowship with the Wilson Disorder to be made and reported by Elder M. B. Martin.

Seven Mile: Minutes.

Durham (colored): Minutes.

10. On motion it was agreed that our next Association be held with the Church at Oak Grove, in Caswell County, North Carolina, to begin at 10 o'clock on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in July 1928, and continue three days. Elder T. A. Stanfield was requested to preach the introductory sermon and Elder B. F. McKinney to be his alternate.

11. The Finance Committee made the following report to the Association:

Contribution from the churches	$140.50
Contribution from friends in the congregation	68.23
Total contribution from the Churches	$208.73

Recommendation for disbursements:

For printing, postage, and mailing 1,000 copies	$ 36.00
For printing 500 Church Letter Reports	2.50
For Lumber for seats, lighting exp., bal. on cost of hauling water and ice, etc.	32.50
For the Clerk's service	15.00
For visiting ministers	112.08
To the credit of the Asso. in hand of Clerk	10.65
Total as above listed	$208.73

Moved that the report of the Finance Committee be received and the Committee excused, which was agreed.

12. Moved that the Clerk have 1,000 of these Minutes printed and distributed with the churches of our Association and among Sister Associations with whom we correspond, which was agreed.

13. Whereas, our brethren have been well favored in preaching the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ, and many have been blessed to hear and enjoy same, and now that our Association is drawing to a close, be it resolved:

(a) That we return thanks to God for the blessings enjoyed;

(b) That we extend thanks to the brethren, sisters, and friends who have rendered assistance in taking care of the Association;

(c) That we extend thanks to the warehousemen of Burlington, N. C., for furnishing ice and water for the people in attendance.

MINISTERS

Elders in our Association and their addresses:

Elder B. B. McKinney, Reidsville, N. C., Star Route.
Elder W. C. Jones, Burlington, N. C.
Elder O. J. Denny, Winston-Salem, N. C.
Elder J. W. Gilliam, Altamahaw, N. C., Route #1.
Elder B. F. McKinney, Hurdle Mills, N. C.
Elder W. M. Monsees, Reidsville. N. C.
Elder W. C. King, Union Ridge, N. C., Route #1.
Elder J. P. Johnson, Danville, Va., Route #3.
Elder T. A. Stanfield, Reidsville, N. C., Route A.
Elder M. B. Martin, Altamahaw, N. C., Route #2.

CORRESPONDING AND VISITING ELDERS AT THIS SESSION OF OUR ASSOCIATION

Elder N. H. Harrison, Kehukee Association.
Elder George Dyer, Pig River Association.
Elder L. H. Hardy, Hunting Quarters Church, N. C.
Elder Frederick W. Keene, Maine Conference.
Elder H. F. Hutchens, Black Creek Association.
Elder J. W. Wyatt, Black Creek Association.
Elder J. F. Stigall, Pig River Association.
Elder E. C. Oakes, Lower Country Line Association.
Elder A. L. Holloway. Lower Country Line Association.
Elder E. L. Cobb, Black Creek Association.
Elder S. S. Pickett, Ormond Church, Fla.
Elder J. F. Spangler, Mayo Association.
Elder D. V. Spangler, Mayo Association.
Elder W. A. Gourley, Salem Association.
Elder E. C. Oakes, Little River.
Elder J. B. Wade, Pig River.
Elder C. A. Davis, Salem.

PREACHING

The introductory sermon was preached by Elder B. F. McKinney from Isa. 40:10; and he was followed by Elder B. B. McKinney, from Luke 10:21.

Saturday Afternoon:

Elder H. F. Hutchens—did not get his text.
Elder J. F. Stigall—Did not get his text.
At 4 O'clock:

1. Elder E. C. Jones—Gen. 1:3.
2. Elder C. A. Davis—Isa. 53:1.

At 7 O'clock:

Elder E. C. Oakes—Did not get his text.

Elder A. L. Holloway—General expositions.

Sunday Morning at 10 O'clock:

Elder N. H. Harrison—I Tim. 6:15.

Elder L. H. Hardy—Gen. 22:14.

Sunday Afternoon:

Elder Isaac Jones—"I saw in the hand of him that sat upon the throne," etc.

Elder E. L. Cobb—Eph. 2:8.

At 4:30:

Elder George Dyer—John 12:24.

D. V. Spangler—John 6:68.

At 7 O'clock:

Elder J. W. Wyatt—Isa. 32:1-3.

Elder J. B. Wade—Did not get his text.

Monday Morning:

Elder F. W. Keene—Joshua 2:18.

Elder S. S. Pickett—Matt. 17:8.

Elder J. F. Spangler—John 5:25-29.

LIST OF CHURCHES AND ROTATION

List of the churches composing the Upper Country Line Primitive Baptist Association, with order of rotation of sessions since the Country Line Association divided into Upper and Lower Country Line Associations in 1906, as follows:

*Oak Grove	1910-1928
Lynches Creek	1911
Lick Fork	1912
Pleasant Grove	1913
McCray's	1914
Greensboro	1915
Dan River	1916
New Hope	1917
Moon's Creek	1918
Monticello	1919
Prospect Hill	1920
Wolf Island	1921
Bush Arbor	1922
Big Meadows	1923
Country Line	1924
Harmony	1907-1925
Reidsville	1908-1926
Gilliam's	1909-1927

*Appointed to be held.

MAILING LIST OF CHURCHES

	No. Minutes
Arbor—J. E. Simmons, Yanceyville, N. C., R. 2	60
Big Meadows—Elder W. C. Jones, Burlington, N. C.	25
Country Line—Elder W. C. King, Union Ridge, N. C.	15
Dan River—W. G. Dix, Ruffin, N. C., Route No. 2	40
Gilliam's—Elder J. W. Gilliam, Altamahaw, N. C., R. No. 1	40
Harmony—W. A. Ward, Cedar Grove, N. C.	30
Lick Fork—C. L. Saunders, Reidsville, N. C., R. No. 5	30
Lynch's Creek—Wm. Warren, Corbett, N. C.	25
McCray—A. G. Porterfield, Burlington, N. C., R. No. 3	25
Moon's Creek—Mrs. J. W. Neal, Danville, Va., R. No. 5	25
Pleasant Grove—Elder T. A. Stanfield, Reidsville, N. C., Star Rt.	50
Prospect Hill—W. D. Blalock, Prospect Hill, N. C.	50
Reidsville—E. R. Harris, Reidsville, N. C.	50
Wolf Island—J. R. Stone, Reidsville, N. C., R. No. 3	55
Oak Grove—Robt. H. James, Yanceyville, N. C., R. No. 1	20
New Hope—J. S. Knowles, Reidsville, N. C., R. No. 6	50
Monticello—J. J. Lambeth, Elon College, N. C.	25
Greensboro—I. E. Neal, Greensboro, N. C.	38
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DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO ASSOCIATIONS

Abbott's Creek—A. L. Owens, Salisbury, N. C.	18
Black Creek—Elder E. L. Cobb, Wilson, N. C.	18
Contentnea—H. L. Brake, Rocky Mount, N. C.	20
Fisher's River—Elder F. P. Stone, Francisco, N. C., R. No. 1	25
Kehukee—Elder B. S. Cowin, Williamston, N. C.	27
Little River—Robt. Smith, Benson, N. C.	
Mayo—S. G. Dobbins, Claudville, Va.	20
New River—Elder P. G. Lester, Roanoke, Va.	20
Salem—W. L. Teague, Winston-Salem, N. C.	18
Smith's River—Elder J. D. Cockram, Stuart, Va.	18
Staunton River—R. L. Dodson, 147 Broad St., Danville, Va.	18
Lower Country Line—J. H. Gooch, Stem, N. C.	20
White Oak—Elder Isaac Jones, Maple Hill, N. C.	20
Mountain—J. M. Rector, Baywood, Va.	15
Pig River—Elder E. L. Blankenship, Boon's Mill, Va.	15
Seven Mile—Elder L. A. Johnson, Benson, N. C.	15
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Durham (colored)—Brother Joe Graves, Reidsville, N. C., R. 5	20
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STATISTICAL TABLE

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Prospect Hill	W. P. Warren, W. D. Burch W. D. Blalock						2	19	$ 11.25
Bush Arbor	Eld. B. F. McKinney, J. E. Simmons, J. D. Simmons	2					1	44	11.25
Big Meadows	Eld. W. C. Jones, W. H. Crutchfield, N. P. Napier	1						12	2.00
Country Line	Eld. W. C. King, by request						2	6	5.00
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Pig River: Minutes—Elder J. F. Stigall, Brother G. R. Mintor, Elder J. B. Wade, Brother A. W. Plunket, and others.

Smith's River: Minutes—Elder J. D. Cochran.

Staunton River: Miuutes—Brothers J. H. Hutcher, M. W. Pickerel, Floyd Williams, and Brother B. F. Evans.

New River: Minutes—Brother H. M. Beamer.

Mill Branch: Minutes.

Baltimore Association: Not represented.

Salem: Minutes—Elder C. A. Davis, and Sister Bessie Idol.

Mountain Association: Correspondence report by Elder M. B. Martin, see Upper Country Line Minute, 1927, page 4. Report received, and moved that we suspend correspondence with Mountain Association until they drop the J. R. Wilson disorder.

Maine Conference: (Elder F. W. Keene of the Maine Conference has joined our Association, uniting with the Church at Gilliam's by letter).

Seven Mile: Not represented.

Zion: Not represented.

Durham Association, (Col.): Minutes.

Hunting Quarter's Church, by Elder L. H. Hardy and wife.

Received a file of Minutes from Brother J. W. Jones, Clerk of the Bear Creek Association, session of 1927, and moved to mail him a file of Minutes.

5. Letters from the several churches composing the Upper Country Line were received, read, aud their standing recorded in the statistical table of this minute.

6. On motion the Association adjourned to meet again Monday morning, July 23, 1928, at 9:00 o'clock.

ELDER B. F. McKINNEY, Moderator.

ELDER J. W. GILLIAM, Association Clerk.

ELDER T. A. STANFIELD, Assistant Association Clerk.

MONDAY MORNING, JULY 23, 1928, AT 9 O'CLOCK

7. The Association met according to appointment, and after praise and prayer by Elder Isaac Jones, proceeded to business.

8. The Messengers, who were appointed last year to visit sister Associations, were called upon for a report. All reports were carefully noted, and those who could not attend were excused.

9. Messengers, who took appointment to visit sister Associations at their next sitting, are as follows:

Little River: Minutes—Elder F. W. Keene.

Black Creek: Minutes—Elder M. B. Martin, Elder F. W. Keene.

Fisher's River: Minutes.

White Oak: Minutes—Elders F. W. Keene, M. B. Martin, B. F. McKinney.

Mayo: Minutes—Brothers W. G. Dix and T. W. Rice.

Kehukee: Minutes—Elders B. F. McKinney, F. W. Keene, and Elder T. A. Stanfield.

Lower Country Line: Minutes—Elders J. W. Gilliam, W. C. King, B. F. McKinney, W. C. Jones, and F. W. Keene.

Abott's Creek: Minutes—Elders J. W. Gilliam, T. A. Stanfield, M. B. Morton, and Brother T. W. Rice.

Pig River: Minutes—Brethren T. W. Rice and W. G. Dix, and Elders B. F. McKinney and J. W. Gilliam.

Smith's River: Minutes.

Staunton River: Minutes—Elder J. W. Gilliam and Elder K. W. Keene.

New River: Minutes.

Mill Branch: Minutes.

Baltimore: Minutes—Sister Anna Watlington.

Salem: Minutes—Elders W. C. Jones, T. A. Stanfield, and Brother J. H. Dye.

Mountain: Minutes—Correspondence suspended.

Seven Mile: Minutes.

Durham Association (Col.) Minutes.

(Insert) On motion it was agreed to insert the following Letter of Correspondence, to-wit:

The Upper Country Line Primitive Baptist Association, now convened in session with the Church at Oak Grove meeting-house, in Caswell County, North Carolina, on July 21, 22, and 23, 1928, doth send greetings and Christian salutations to our sister Associations and Meetings with whom we correspond. Once again we have been favored to meet and greet, and receive your correspondence, which we greatly enjoy, and for which we desire to be thankful to the Lord, and we earnestly solicit a continuation of your correspondence, to the end that we may be edified and comforted and built up in the faith once delivered to the saints. In this blessed faith we desire to worship God, and to be kept by his mighty power through faith unto salvation,

ready to be revealed in the last time. Our next session will convene with the Church at Lynches Creek meeting house, beginning on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in July, 1929, and continue three days, at which time we hope to receive your correspondence again.

ELDER B. F. McKINNEY, Moderator.
ELDER J. W. GILLIAM, Asso. Clerk.

10. On motion it was agreed that our next Association be held with the Church at Lynches' Creek, in Caswell County, North Carolina, to begin at 10:00 o'clock on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in July, 1929, and continue three days. Elder B. F. McKinney was requested to preach the introductory sermon and Elder W. C. King to be his alternate.

11. The Finance Committee made the following report to the Association:

Contribution from the churches	$154.00
Contribution from friends in the congregation	84.20
To the credit of the Association in hand of her Clerk	10.65
Total funds available for distribution	$248.85

Recommendation for disbursements:

For printing, postage, and mailing 1,000 copies	$42.00
For Clerk's service	15.00
For officers of the Civil Law	12.00
For expenses incurred in preparing seats, furnishing water, lights, etc.	20.00
For visiting ministers	149.20
Left in the hands of the Clerk	10.65
Total distributions as above named	$248.85

Moved that the report of the Finance Committee be received and the Committee excused, which was agreed.

12. Moved that the Clerk have 1,000 copies of these Minutes printed and distributed with the churches of our Association and among sister Associations with whom we correspond, which was agreed.

13. Whereas, our brethren have been well favored in preaching the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ, and many have been blessed to hear and enjoy same, and now that our Association is drawing to a close, be it resolved:

(a) That we return thanks to God for the blessings enjoyed;

(b) That we extend thanks to the brethren, sisters, and friends for having been so kind and hospitable in caring for the Association;

(c) On motion the Association adjourned to meet next year (1929) with Lynches' Creek Church on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in July, 1929.

ELDER B. F. McKINNEY, Moderator.
ELDER J. W. GILLIAM, Asso. Clerk.

MINISTERS

Elders in our Association and their addresses:
Elder W. F. Keene, Raleigh, N. C., 501 Cleveland St.
Elder B. B. McKinney, Reidsville, N. C., Route A.
Elder W. C. Jones, Burlington, N. C.

Elder O. J. Denny, Winston-Salem, N. C.
Elder J. W. Gilliam, Altamahaw, N. C.
Elder B. F. McKinney, Hurdle Mills, N. C.
Elder W. M. Monsees, Reidsville, N. C.
Elder W. C. King, Union Ridge, N. C., Route #1.
Elder J. P. Johnson, Danville, Va., Route #3.
Elder T. A. Stanfield, Reidville, N. C., Route A.
Elder M. B. Martin, Burliugton, N. C., Route #2.
Elder John R. Smith, Reidsville, N. C., Route #5.

CORRESPONDING AND VISITING ELDERS AT THIS SESSION OF OUR ASSOCIATION

Elder N. H. Harrisou, Kehukee Association.
Elder C. A. Davis, Salem Association.
Elder E. C. Oakes, Lower Country Liue Association.
Elder J. F. Spangler, Mayo Association.
Elder D. V. Spangler, Mayo Association.
Elder H. F. Hutchens, Black Creek Association.
Elder L. H. Hardy, Hunting Quarters Church.
Elder R. E. Adams, Black Creek Association.
Elder J. F. Stigall, Pig River Association.
Elder C. Thompson, of Texas. (Did not get name of his Asso.)
Elder J. C. Sykes, Uniou Association, Texas.
Elder Isaac Jones, White Oak Association.
Elder J. W. Wyatt, Black Creek Association.
Elder J. P. Tingle, Contentnea Association.
Elder J. D. Cockram, Smith's River Association.
Elder J. O. Pruitt, Mayo Association.
Elder J. W. Flinchum, Mayo Association.
Elder T. W. Walker, Stauuton River Association.
Elder Roy Mouk, Lower Country Line.
Elder G. M. Trent, Salem Association.
Elder D. A. O'Briant, Salem Association.
Elder W. R. Dodd, Staunton River Association.

DEACON E. R. HARRIS, MODERATOR, RESIGNS

Be It Resolved, That whereas our beloved Moderator, Deacon E. R. Harris, who has faithfully and efficiently served as Moderator of this Associatiou for many years, and whose distinguished service, able counsel, and timely advice on matters requiring the consideration of this Association have won for him the confidence, love, and high esteem of all our brethren, and now that he feels that he can't serve us longer, owing to advanced age and afflictions, that we accept his resiguation with sincere regrets, and that we extend to Brother Harris the hearty appreciation of the brethren, sisters, and friends of this Association for his faithful service, and pray the blessings of God's grace upon him in his afflictious and declining age.

RESOLUTIONS OF THANKS

Resolved that we extend thanks to Mr. Edgar King, of the Home Light Co., Burlington, N. C., for furnishing the Association with a light plant for this sessiou, which was a fine service and highly appreciated.

Resolved that we extend thanks to Mr. Jim White and Mr. R. W.

Wilson for furnishing water for the Association, and to Producer's Warehouse of Danville, Va., for ice, and to all others who showed kindness and hospitality to our brethren, sisters, and friends.

PREACHING

The introductory sermon was preached by Elder T. A. Stanfield from Isaiah 38:1-6; and he was followed by Elder B. F. McKinney from II Tim. 2:9; and followed by Elder B. B. McKinney, no special text; followed by Elder F. W. Keene, Eph. 2:22.

Saturday Afternoon:
Elder J. F. Stigall—Text Jer. 10:14-16.
Elder J. D. Cockram—Jude 1-3.
Elder J. F. Spangler—Heb. 10:9-14.
At 4:00 O'clock:
Elder C. Thomas—Failed to get his text.
At 8:00 O'clock:
Elder M. B. Martin—Text, Acts 8:32.
Elder W. C. King—Text, Isa. 40:1.
Sunday Morning—10:00 O'clock:
Elder Isaac Jones—Text, Zec. 13:1.
Elder N. H. Harrison—Text, Rom. 3:8-10.
Elder C. A. Davis—Text, Isa. 32:1.
Elder W. R. Dodd—General remarks.
Sunday After at 2:00 O'clock:
Elder J. C. Sykes—Text, Heb. 2:10.
Elder L. H. Hardy—No special text.
Elder J. W. Wyatt—Text, Psa. 23:1-2.
At 4:00 O'clock:
Elder G. M. Trent—Text, Isa. 32:1.
Elder V. D. Spangler—Text, I Cor. 15:10.
At Night, 8:00 O'clock:
Elder H. F. Hutchens—Text, Matt. 25:14.
Elder Roy Monk—Text, Luke 2:10-11.
Monday Morning:
Elder R. E. Adams—Text, II Sam. 17:19.
Elder E. C. Oakes—Text, Acts 8:35.
Elder J. O. Pruitt—Text, Psa. 34:19.
Elder J. W. Flinchison—Text, Rev. 22:13.

LIST OF CHURCHES AND ROTATION

List of the churches composing the Upper Country Line Primitive Baptist Association, with order of rotation of sessions since the Country Line Association divided into Upper and Lower Country Line Associations in 1906, as follows:

*Lynches Creek	1911-1929
Lick Fork	1912
Pleasant Grove	1913
McCray	1914
Greensboro	1915
Dan River	1916
New Hope	1917
Moon's Creek	1918
Monticello	1919

Prospect Hill	1920
Wolf Island	1921
Bush Arbor	1922
Big Meadows	1923
Country Line	1924
Harmony	1907-1925
Reidsville	1908-1926
Gilliam's	1909-1927
Oak Grove	1910-1928

*Appointed to be held.

MAILING LIST OF CHURCHES

	No. Minutes
Arbor—J. E. Simmons, Yanceyville, N. C., R. 2	60
Big Meadows—Elder W. C. Jones, Burlington, N. C.	25
Country Line—Elder W. C. King, Union Ridge, N. C.	15
Dan River—Mrs. L. K. Wilson, Ruffin, N. C., Route No. 3	40
Gilliam's—Elder J. W. Gilliam, Altamahaw, N. C., R. No. 1	40
Harmony—W. A. Ward, Cedar Grove, N. C.	30
Lick Fork—C. L. Saunders, Reidsville, N. C., R. No. 5	30
Lynch's Creek—Wm. Warren, Corbett, N. C.	25
McCray—A. G. Porterfield, Burlington, N. C., R. No. 3	25
Moon's Creek—Mrs. J. W. Neal, Danville, Va., R. No. 5	25
Pleasant Grove—Elder T. A. Stanfield, Reidsville, N. C., Star Rt.	50
Prospect Hill—W. D. Blalock, Prospect Hill, N. C.	50
Reidsville—E. R. Harris, Reidsville, N. C.	50
Wolf Island—J. R. Stone, Reidsville, N. C., R. No. 3	55
Oak Grove—Robt. H. James, Yanceyville, N. C., R. No. 1	20
New Hope—J. S. Knowles, Reidsville, N. C., R. No. 6	50
Monticello—J. J. Lambeth, Elon College, N. C.	25
Greensboro—I. E. Neal, Greensboro, N. C.	38
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DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO ASSOCIATIONS

Bear Creek—J. W. Jones, Peachland, N. C.	20
Abbott's Creek—A. L. Owens, Salisbury, N. C.	18
Black Creek—Elder E. L. Cobb, Wilson, N. C.	18
Contentnea—H. L. Brake, Rocky Mount, N. C.	20
Fisher's River—Elder F. P. Stone, Francisco, N. C., R. No. 1	25
Kehukee—Elder B. S. Cowin, Williamston, N. C.	27
Little River—Robert Smith, Benson, N. C.	
Mayo—S. G. Dobbins, Claudville, Va.	20
New River—Elder P. G. Lester, Roanoke, Va.	20
Salem—W. L. Teague, Winston-Salem, N. C.	18
Smith's River—Elder J. D. Cockram, Stuart, Va.	18
Staunton River—R. L. Dodson, 147 Broad St., Danville, Va.	18
Lower Country Line—J. H. Gooch, Stem, N. C.	20
White Oak—Elder Isaac Jones, Maple Hill, N. C.	20
Mountain—J. M. Rector, Baywood, Va.	15
Pig River—Elder E. L. Blankenship, Boon's Mill, Va.	15
Seven Mile—Elder L. A. Johnson, Benson, N. C.	15
Mill Branch—W. C. Brown, Tabor, N. C.	20
Durham (colored)—Brother Joe Graves, Reidsville, N. C., R. 5	20
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STATISTICAL TABLE

Churches	Names of Messengers	Dismissed by Letter	Received by Letter	Rec'd by Ex. & Bap.	Restored to Fellow	Dismissed by Letter	Deceased	No. in Fellowship	Contributions
Bush Arbor	Eld. M. B. Martin, Bros. W. A. McKinney & J. E. Simmons			1			1	44	$ 13.15
Big Meadows	Eld. W. C. Jones, Pastor & Bro. Crutchfield						1	11	2.00
Country Line	Eld. W. C. King, Pastor, by request of the Church							6	6.00
Dan River	Brethren W. G. Dix, T. W. Rice & L. B. Strader		2					25	5.00
Gilliam's	Eld. J. W. Gilliam & Bros. L. J. Saunders & T. W. Saunders		3					28	20.00
Harmony	Bro. Dewey Walker & Sister W. T. Wilson						2	10	2.00
Lick Fork	Eld. Jno. R. Smith, Bro. Perkins & Sister Hooper		1					22	12.25
Lynche's Creek	Brother William Warren						1	3	4.50
McCray	Bros. A. G. Porterfield, Robert Cates & Sister Aldridge						1	9	20.25
Moon's Creek	Sisters Sallie Travis, Mattie Hodges & Belle Neal			1				5	1.00
Oak Grove	Bros. Jones & Poteat, & Sisters Jones & Gunn	2						6	3.00
Pleasant Grove	Elds. McKinney & Stanfield, & Bros. Walker & Ware						3	46	8.85
Prospect Hill	Bros. W. P. Warren, W. D. Blalock, W. D. Burch, H. T. Oakley		1	2				22	13.00
Reidsville	Bro. J. B. Gardner, Sisters Kate Mitchell, & Sallie Bennett			1			1	24	10.00
Wolf Island	Bros. R. A. Smith, W. S. Smith, J. R. Stone & J. H. Dye							43	6.00
New Hope	Bros. G. R. Robertson, Frank Walker & J. J. Somers						1	13	9.00
Monticello	Bros. J. J., H. W. and W. D. Lambeth							13	8.00
Greensboro	Elder O. J. Denny*, Bros. J. H. Combs & I. E. Neal			1				39	10.00
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Absentees marked*

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MINUTES

OF THE

TWENTY-THIRD ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

UPPER COUNTRY LINE PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH THE CHURCH

AT

LYNCHES' CREEK, CASWELL COUNTY,
NORTH CAROLINA

July 27, 28 and 29, 1929

OFFICERS

ELDER B. F. McKINNEY, Moderator ..... Hurdle Mills, N. C.
ELDER J. W. GILLIAM, Association Clerk ..... Altamahaw, N. C.
ELDER T. A. STANFIELD, Assistant Clerk ..... Reidsville, N. C.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE UPPER COUNTRY LINE ASSOCIATION—SESSION, 1929

1. The introductory sermon was preached by Elder B. F. McKinney, from I Tim. 1:1-16; followed by Elder W. C. King, from John 17:6; followed by Elder D. V. Spangler, Text: Eph. 5:25-27.

After an intermission for dinner, the Association convened, and after praise and prayer by Elder Isaac Jones, proceeded to business.

(a) Moved that the Clerk call the roll of the churches and mark all absentee messengers, which was agreed. Absentees marked (*) in the statistical table.

(b) Moved that we elect a Moderator for this session, whereupon Elder B. F. McKinney was re-elected.

(c) Moved that the Committee on Arrangements shall consist of the Moderator, the Association Clerk, the Assistant Clerk, and the Messengers from Lynches' Creek, which was agreed.

(d) Moved that the Moderator appoint any necessary committees, which was agreed, and the Moderator appointed on Committee of Finance: Elder W. C. King and Brother I. E. Neal.

3. Petitionary Letters were called for; none received.

4. Messengers and visitors from Corresponding Associations were invited to take seats with us, whereupon the following were seated, to-wit:

Little River: Minutes—Elder T. F. Adams, Brother S. L. Ogburn, and Elder E. C. Jones.

Black Creek: Minutes—Elder H. F. Hutchens, visitor.

Fisher's River: Minutes.

White Oak: Minutes—Elder Isaac Jones.

Mayo: Minutes—Elders J. F. and D. V. Spangler.

Kehukee: Minutes.

Lower Country Line: Minutes—Elders Cyrus Adams and E. C. Oakes, Brothers Knox Moore, J. M. O'Briant, Arthur Adams, F. D. Long, and W. R. Blalock.

Abbott's Creek: Minutes—Brother C. B. Owens and wife.

Contentnea: Minutes—Elder J. P. Tingle.

Pig River: Minutes—Elder Randolph Purdue, Brothers G. R. Mintor, and H. M. Lawrence.

Smith's River: Minutes.

Staunton River: Minutes—Elder T. W. Walker and Brother Jack Wood and Sister Wood, and Brother M. Pickerel.

New River: Minutes—Elder Golden Harris.

Mill Branch: Minutes—Elder D. A. O'Briant, representing.

Baltimore Association:

Salem: Minutes—Elders G. M. Trent and D. A. O'Briant.

Mountain Association: Correspondence suspended in 1928 until such a time when they may satisfy us they have dropped the J. R. Wilson disorder and their correspondents.

Visitor—Brother Keene Spitler, of Bethel Church, 11332 South Street, Chicago, Illinois.

Seven Mile: Minutes.

Zion: Minutes.

Durham Association, (Col.): Minutes.

Hunting Quarter's Church:

Bear Creek: Minutes.

5. Letters from the several churches composing the Upper Coun-

try Line were received, read, and their standing recorded in the statistical table of this Minute.

6. On motion the Association adjourned to meet again Monday morning, July 29, 1929, at 9:00 o'clock.

ELDER B. F. McKINNEY, Moderator.

ELDER J. W. GILLIAM, Association Clerk.

ELDER T. A. STANFIELD, Assistant Clerk.

MONDAY MORNING, JULY 29, 1929, AT 9:00 O'CLOCK

7. The Association met according to appointment, and after praise and prayer by Elder Randolph Purdue, proceeded to business.

8. The Messengers, who were appointed last year to visit sister Associations, were called upon for a report. All reports were carefully noted, and those who could not attend were excused.

9. Messengers, who took appointment to visit sister Associations at their next sitting, are as follows:

Little River: Minutes—Elder M. B. Martin.

Black Creek: Minutes—Elders M. B. Martin and B. F. McKinney.

Fisher's River: Minutes—Elder W. C. Jones.

White Oak: Minutes—Elders M. B. Martin, F. W. Keene, B. F. McKinney, and J. W. Gilliam.

Mayo: Minutes—Brother W. G. Dix, Elder J. R. Smith, and Brother T. W. Rice.

Kehukee: Minutes.

Lower Country Line: Minutes—Elders J. W. Gilliam, W. C. Jones, T. A. Stanfield, M. B. Martin, and Brother T. W. Rice and others.

Abbott's Creek: Minutes—Elders J. W. Gilliam, F. W. Keene, M. B. Martin, and Brother T. W. Rice.

Pig River: Minutes—Elders J. W. Gilliam, B. F. McKinney, F. W. Keene, and Brothers W. G. Dix and T. W. Rice.

Smith's River: Minutes—Brother T. W. Rice.

Staunton River: Minutes—Elders Gilliam, Keene, Smith, and Brothers W. G. Dix and T. W. Rice.

New River: Minutes.

Mill Branch: Minutes—Elders Gilliam, Smith, Keene, and Martin.

Contentnea Association: Minutes—Elders T. A. Stanfield and F. W. Keene.

Baltimore: Minutes—Sister Anna Watlington.

Salem: Minutes—Elder W. C. Jones and Brother J. H. Dye.

Mountain: Correspondence suspended.

Seven Miles: Minutes.

Durham Association (Col.): Minutes.

(Insert). On motion it was agreed to insert the following Letter of Correspondence, to-wit:

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tion of your correspondence, to the end that our fellowship may be strengthened, and that brotherly love may continue, and may the mind of Christ be our guide, and the comforts of the Spirit our strong consolations. Our next session will convene with the Church at Lick Fork, Rockingham County, beginning on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in July, 1930, and continue three days, at which time we hope to receive your correspondence again.

ELDER B. F. McKINNEY, Moderator.
ELDER J. W. GILLIAM, Asso. Clerk.

10. On motion it was agreed that our next Association be held with the Church at Lick Fork, Rockingham County, North Carolina, to begin at 10:00 o'clock on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in July, 1930, and continue three days. Elder J. W. Gilliam was requested to preach the introductory sermon and Elder B. F. McKinney to be his alternate.

11. The Finance Commitee made the following report to the Association:

Contribution from the churches	$141.90
Contribution from friends in the congregation	49.65
To the credit of the Association in the hand of the Clerk	10.65
Total funds available for distribution	$202.20

Recommendation for disbursements:

For printing, postage, and mailing 1,000 copies of this Minute	$ 42.00
For Clerk's service	20.00
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For expenses incurred in preparing seats, furnishing water, lights, etc.	15.00
For Visiting ministers	105.20
Left in the hand of the Clerk	5.00
Total distribution as above named	$202.20

Moved that the Finance Committee report be received and the Committee excused, which was agreed.

12. Moved that the Clerk have 1,000 copies of these Minutes printed and distributed with the Churches of our Association and among sister Associations with whom we correspond, which was agreed.

13. Whereas, our brethren have been well favored in preaching the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, and many have been blessed to hear and enjoy same, and now that our Association is drawing to a close, be it resolved:

(a) That we return thanks to God for the blessings enjoyed;

(b) That we extend thanks to the brethren, sisters, and friends for having been so kind and hospitable in caring for the Association;

(c) On motion the Association adjourned to meet next year (1930) with Lick Fork Church on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in July, 1930.

Resolved, further, that this Association extend special thanks to Mr. Edgar King, Manager of the Home Light Sales Agency, for the splendid lights furnished during this session. Mr. King, who is a brother of Elder W. C. King, has furnished electric lights for each session of our Association for the past several years, and this has been a great favor to the Association, and has added much to the enjoyment of all who attend these Associations. We feel especially grateful to Mr. King for this kindness.

IN MEMORIAM

Whereas, in the passing of Brother Dr. H. E. Satterfield of the Roxboro Church of the Lower Country Line Primitive Baptist Association, and because of the many strong ties of friendship and love which exist between this Association and our own, and especially because of the love and fellowship manifested by our dear brother Satterfield toward his brethren generally, and particularly because of the fact that Dr. Satterfield had been a beloved member of both the Upper and the Lower Country Line Associations, having joined first at Prospect Hill church in this association, and later moved his membership to Roxboro Church in the Lower Country Line, and most especially because of the fact that quite a large number of his close relatives were members of this Association, therefore be it resolved by this Association, now in session at Lynches' Creek, in Caswell County, that, in the passing of Dr. Satterfield, this Association and the Lower Country Line, have lost one of their most highly esteemed and most generally beloved brethren; a brother whose character was beyond repute, and who's generous spirit and untiring interest were at all times made manifest toward his brethren, counting no sacrifice on his part, either in time or money, and seeking at all times their comfort and pleasure. Dr. Satterfield attended many of our corresponding Associations, and was a brother whose counsel and good judgment was at all times in demand. He seemed to possess the ability to hold the confidence and love of all his brethren. His death brings sadness to our hearts, but pleasant memories of this beloved brother will linger long with us. We extend sympathy and love to his dear companion and sister, and may the Lord bring us into a fuller and more complete reconciliation to His will.

ELDER B. F. McKINNEY, Moderator.
ELDER J. W. GILLIAM, Asso. Clerk.

MINISTERS

Elders in our Association and their addresses:
Elder F. W. Keene, Raleigh, N. C., 501 Cleveland St.
Elder B. B. McKinney, Reidsville, N. C., Route 7.
Elder W. C. Jones, Burlington, N. C.
Elder O. J. Denny, Winston-Salem, N. C.
Elder J. W. Gilliam, Altamahaw, N. C., Route 1.
Elder B. F. McKinney, Hurdle Mills, N. C.
Elder W. M. Monsees, Reidsville, N. C.
Elder W. C. King, Union Ridge, N. C., Route 1.
Elder J. P. Johnson, Danville, Va., Route 3.

Elder T. A. Stanfield, Reidsville, N. C., Route 7.
Elder M. B. Martin, Burlington, N. C., Route 2.
Elder John R. Smith, Reidsville, N. C., Route 5.

CORRESPONDING AND VISITING ELDERS AT THIS SESSION OF OUR ASSOCIATION

Elders Golden Harris, Isaac Jones, G. W. Hill, G. M. Trent, J. F. Spangler, D. A. O'Briant, H. F. Hutchens, D. V. Spangler, Randolph Purdue, E. C. Jones, A. L. Holloway, T. F. Adams, E. C. Oakes, J. A. Herndon, J. P. Tingle, Cyrus Adams, F. W. Walker, G. M. Corbett.

PREACHING

The introductory sermon was preached by Elder B. F. McKinney from I Tim. 1:1-16; and he was followed by Elder W. C. King, from St. John 17:6; followed by Elder D. V. Spangler, Text: Eph. 5:25-27.

Saturday Afternoon:
Elder G. M. Trent—Did not get text.
Elder H. F. Hutchens—II Phil. 12:13.
At 5:00 O'clock:
Elder J. P. Tingle—Text, I John 1:7-10.
Elder T. W. Walker—Text, Isa. 33:20.
At 8:00 O'clock:
Elder Golden Harris—Did not get text.
Elder E. C. Jones—Psa. 19:7.
Sunday Morning—10:00 O'clock:
Elder Isaac Jones, II Tim. 4:1.
Elder Randolph Purdue—Text, Songs of S. 8:8.
Elder J. F. Spangler—Text, He is of one mind, etc.
Elder O. J. Denny—Text, Rev. 7:1-40.
At 2:00 P. M.:
Elder T. F. Adams—Text: Psalm 89:8.
Elder A. L. Holloway—Text, Josh. 3:14.
Elder G. W. Hill—Text, Rev. 19:6.
At 4:00 P. M.:
Elder D. A. O'Briant—Text, Isa. 26:1.
Elder E. C. Oakes—Text, No special text.
At 8:00 P. M.:
Elder J. A. Herndon—Text, John 17:17-18.
Elder Cyrus Adams—Text, Eph. 3:1-7.
Elder J. W. Gilliam—Text: Without controversy great is the mystery of godliness, etc.
Monday Morning—10:00 O'clock:
Elder F. W. Keene—Text, As the apple tree is among the trees of the woods, etc.
Elder M. B. Martin—Text, I lead in the way of righteousness and amidst the paths of judgment, etc.
Elder G. M. Corbett—Text: I am God and change not, etc.
Elder W. C. Jones—Text, Matt. 5:5.

LIST OF CHURCHES AND ROTATION

List of the churches composing the Upper Country Line Primitive Baptist Association, with order of sessions since the Country Line

Association divided into Upper and Lower Country Line Associations in 1906, as follows:

*Lick Fork	1912-1930
Pleasant Grove	1913
McCray	1914
Greensboro	1915
Dan River	1916
New Hope	1917
Moon's Creek	1918
Monticello	1919
Prospect Hill	1920
Wolf Island	1921
Bush Arbor	1922
Big Meadows	1923
Country Line	1924
Harmony	1925-1907
Reidsville	1926-1908
Gilliam's	1927-1909
Oak Grove	1928-1910
Lynches' Creek	1929-1911

*Appointed to be held.

MAILING LIST OF CHURCHES

	No. Minutes
Arbor—J. E. Simmons, Yanceyville, N. C., R. 2	60
Big Meadows—Elder W. C. Jones, Burlington, N. C.	25
Country Line—Elder W. C. King, Union Ridge, N. C.	15
Dan River—Mrs. L. K. Wilson, Ruffin, N. C., Route No. 3	40
Gilliam's—Elder J. W. Gilliam, Altamahaw, N. C., R. No. 1	55
Harmony—Mrs. T. W. Wilson, Cedar Grove, N. C.	30
Lick Fork—C. L. Saunders, Reidsville, N. C., R. No. 5	30
Lynches' Creek—William Warren, Corbett, N. C.	25
McCray—A. G. Porterfield, Burlington, N. C., R. No. 3	25
Moon's Creek—Mrs. J. W. Neal, Danville, Va., R. No. 5	25
Pleasant Grove—G. W. Walker, Reidsville, N. C., R. No. 7	50
Prospect Hill—W. D. Blalock, Prospect Hill, N. C.	50
Reidsville—E. R. Harris, Reidsville, N. C.	50
Wolf Island—J. R. Stone, Reidsville, N. C., R. No. 3	55
Oak Grove—Robt. H. Jones, Yanceyville, N. C., R. No. 1	20
New Hope—J. S. Knowles, Reidsville, N C., R. No. 6	50
Monticello—J. J. Lambeth, Elon College, N. C.	25
Greensboro—I. E. Neal, Greensboro, N. C.	38
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DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO ASSOCIATIONS

Bear Creek—J. W. Jones, Peachland, N. C.	20
Abbott's Creek—Ira F. Freeman, Steed, N. C.	18
Black Creek—Elder E. L. Cobb, Wilson, N. C.	18
Contentnea—H. L. Brake, Rocky Mount, N. C.	20
Fisher's River—Elder F. P. Stone, Francisco, N. C., No. 1	25
Kehukee—Elder B. S. Cowin, Williamston, N. C.	27
Little River—Elder L. H. Stephenson, Willows Springs, N. C., R. 1	

Mayo—S. G. Dobbins, Claudville, Va. 20
New River—Elder J. M. Dickson, Floyd, Va. 20
Salem—W. L. Teague, Winston-Salem, N. C. 18
Smith's River—Elder J. D. Cockram, Stuart, Va. 18
Staunton River—R. L. Dodson, 147 Broad St., Danville, Va. 18
Lower Country Line—J. H. Gooch, Stem, N. C. 20
White Oak—Elder Isaac Jones, Maple Hill, N C. 20
Pig River—Elder E. L. Blankenship, Boon's Mill, Va. 15
Seven Mile—Elder L. A. Johnson, Benson, N. C. 15
Mill Branch—W. C. Brown, Tabor, N. C. 20
Durham (colored)—Brother Joe Graves, Reidsville, N. C., R. 5 20

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ARTICLES OF FAITH

We, the messengers of the several churches composing the Upper Country Line Association, agree, for the satisfaction of our brethren and friends, to publish an abstract of the principles of faith upon which we unite and will endeavor with the help of the Lord to maintain.

1. We believe in the being of God as Almighty, Eternal, Unchangeable, of infinite wisdom, power, justice, holiness, goodness, mercy and truth, and that this God has revealed Himself in His Word, under the character of Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

2. We believe that Almighty God has made known His mind and will to the children of men in His Word which Word we believe to be of divine authority and contains all things necessary to be known for the salvation of man. The same is comprehended or contained in the books of the Old and New Testaments.

3. We believe that God before the foundation of the world, for a purpose of his own glory, did elect a certain number of men and angels to eternal life, and that this election is particular, eternal and unconditional on the creature's part.

4. We believe that when God made man he was good and upright, but by his own transgression he fell from that good and upright state, and being the head and representative of the whole human race, they being his natural offspring, he involved all of them in the same ruined state with himself, and they were partakers of, and exposed to, the miseries which sprang from his disobedience.

5. We believe that it is utterly out of the power of man as a fallen creature to keep the law of God perfectly, or to truly repent of his sins, or believe in Christ, except he be drawn by the Holy Spirit.

6. We believe in God's own appointed time and way the elect will be called, justified, pardoned and sanctified, and that it is impossible that they can utterly refuse the call; but shall be willing by divine grace to receive mercy.

7. We believe that justification in the sight of God is only by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ, received and applied by faith.

8. We believe that God's elect will be converted and born again by the effectual working of the Holy Spirit.

9. We believe that those that are called by grace and born again by the effectual working of the Holy Spirit.

10. We believe it to be a duty incumbent on all God's people to walk religiously in all God's works, not in the old covenant way of seeking life and the favor of the Lord by it, but only as a duty from a principle of love.

11. We believe baptism by immersion, and the Lord's supper are gospel ordinances, both belonging to the converted or true believer.

12. We believe that every church is independent in matters of discipline and that associations, councils and conferences of ministers or churches, are not to impose on the church, the keeping, holding or maintaining of any principle or practice contrary to the church's judgment.

13. We believe in the general resurrection of the dead, both of the just and the unjust, and final judgment.

14. We believe the punishment of the wicked is everlasting and the joys of the righteous eternal.

15. We believe that no minister has a right to administer the ordinances unless called and comes under the imposition of hands by the presbytery.

16. Lastly, we believe that for the mutual comfort, union and satisfaction of the several churches of the aforesaid faith and order, we ought to meet in an association capacity wherein each church ought to be represented by the messengers to advise with each other in conference.

RULES OF DECORUM

1. The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

2. Only one person shall speak at a time, who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator in the beginning of his speech.

3. Every brother speaking shall adhere strictly to the subject under consideration and shall in no way reflect on any other brother.

4. No messenger shall absent himself from the Association while in conference without permission.

5. No messenger shall speak more than three times on the same subject without permission from the Association.

6. Messengers shall keep strict order while the business of the Association is being transacted.

7. No messengers shall be interrupted while speaking, unless he violates the rules of this decorum.

8. No messengers shall address another in any other term or appellation other than the title of brother.

9. The names of the members composing the Association shall be enrolled by the clerk and called over as often as the Association requires.

10. The Moderator shall not speak on any question before the Association until all the other messengers are through speaking, when he may give his views, after any messenger, having a right to speak, may reply to any new matter introduced by the Moderator.

11. Any member who shall violate any of the rules of the Association shall be dealt with by the Association as it deems proper.

STATISTICAL TABLE

Churches	Names of Messengers	Rec'd by E. & Bapt.	Rec'd by Letter	Restored to Fel.	Dis. by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	No. in Fel.	Contri. by Ch's
Bush Arbor	Eld. W. C. King, Bro. J. E. Simmons, Bro. W. A. McKinney	1					4	42	$12.20
Big Meadows	Eld. W. C. Jones, *Hampton Crutchfield, W. H. Johnson	1					1	11	3.00
Country Line	Eld. W. C. King							6	3.00
Dan River	Bros. W. G. Dix, T. W. Rice, Ben Wade	6	2			1	1	33	5.00
Gilliam's	Bro. Jesse McKinney, Eld. J. W. Gilliam							28	16.50
Harmony	Eld. W. C. Jones							10	1.75
Lick Fork	Eld. J. R. Smith, *Bro. C. L. Saunders, W. A. Perkins	1				1		22	10.00
Lynches' Creek	Bro. William Warren	1						4	10.50
McCray	Bros. A. G. Porterfield, Robert Cates							9	20.50
Moon's Creek	Sisters Sallie Travis, Belle Neal						1	4	1.50
Oak Grove	Bro. R. A. Poteat and wife, *Bro. R. H. Jones and wife							6	2.00
Pleasant Grove	Eld. T. A. Stanfield, Bro. G. W. Walker, S. L. Gwynn	3	2				1	50	9.50
Prospect Hill	Bros. W. D. Blalock, W. P. Warren, W. D. Burch		1				1	20	9.25
Reidsville	Bros. E. H. Harris, *C. I. Delancy, *Sister Lucy Carter						1	23	10.00
Wolf Island	J. H. Dye, W. S. Smith, R. S. Somers								
New Hope	*Bros. John Somers, *F. M. Walker, *Leslie Smithy							13	7.00
Monticello	Bros. W. H., W. D., *J. J. Lambeth	3						17	5.00
Greensboro	*Bros. L. A. Walker, J. H. Combs, I. E. Neal		2					40	10.00

*Absentees marked.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE UPPER COUNTRY LINE ASSOCIATION—1930

1. The introductory sermon was preached by Elder J. W. Gilliam, from 1st Cor. 1:26-29; followed by Elder B. F. McKinney, from I John 1:3; followed by Elder O. J. Denny, I John 3:1.

2. After an intermission for dinner, the Association convened, and after praise and prayer by Elder E. F. Pierce of Little River Association, proceeded to business.

(a) Moved that the Clerk call the roll of the churches and mark all absentee messengers, which was agreed. Absentees marked (*) in the statistical table.

(b) Moved that we elect a Moderator for this Session, whereupon Elder B. F. McKinney was re-elected.

(c) Moved that the Committee on Arrangements shall consist of the Moderator, the Association Clerk, the Assistant Clerk, and the Messengers from Lick Fork Church, which was agreed.

(d) Moved that the Moderator appoint any necessary committees, which was agreed, and the Moderator appointed on Committee of Finance, Elder W. C. King and Brother I. E. Neal and Brother C. L. Saunders.

3. Motion: Resolved that Petitionary Letters be called for, which was done, and none received.

4. Messengers and visitors from Corresponding Associations were invited to take seats with us, whereupon the following were seated, to-wit:

Little River: Minutes—Elder E. F. Pierce and Brother C. O. Langley.

Black Creek: Minutes—Elders E. L. Cobb, J. W. Wyatt and H. F. Hutchens.

Fisher's River: Minutes—Elder G. O. Key, Sister Fagg, and others.

White Oak: Minutes—Elder E. F. Pollard and Brother F. W. Rhodes.

Mayo: Minutes—Elders J. F. and D. V. Spangler, and Brother J. E. Hutchens.

Kehukee: Minutes—Moved to continue correspondence by Min.

Lower Country Line: Minutes—Brothers J. M. O'Briant, and W. A. Whitfield, and others.

Abbott's Creek: Minutes—Brothers M. W. Maness, C. B. Owens, and L. A. Wright.

Contentnea: Minutes—Elder Jas. S. Corbitt and Brother E. A. Stanfield.

Pig River: Minutes—Elder Randolph Purdue, Brothers J. D. Wood, W. H. Simmons, G. R. Minter, J. W. Ramsey, and others.

Smith's River: Minutes—

Staunton River: Minutes—Brothers J. H. Butcher, Floyd Williams, and J. W. Bryant.

New River: Minutes—

Mill Branch: Minutes—

Baltimore—Elder O. J. Denny, representing:

Salem: Minutes—Elders G. M. Trent and D. A. O'Briant.

Seven Mile: Minutes—

Zion: Minutes—

Bear Creek: Minutes—

Durham Association (Col) Minutes.

5. Letters from the several churches composing the Upper Country Line were received, read, and their standing recorded in the statistical table of this Minute.

6. On motion the Association adjourned to meet again Monday morning, July 28, 1930, at 9:00 o'clock.

ELDER B. F. McKINNEY, Moderator.

ELDER J. W. GILLIAM, Association Clerk.

ELDER T. A. STANFIELD, Assistant Clerk.

MONDAY MORNING, JULY 28, 1930, AT 9:00 O'CLOCK

7. The Association met according to appointment, and after praise and prayer by Elder E. L. Cobb of the Black Creek Association proceeded to business.

8. The Messengers, who were appointed last year to visit sister Associations, were called upon for a report. All reports were carefully noted, and those who could not attend were excused.

9. Messengers, who took appointment to visit sister Associations at their sitting, are as follows:

Little River: Minutes—Elders F. W. Keene and M. B. Martin.

Black Creek: Minutes—Elders O. J. Denny and T. A. Stanfield; Elders M. B. Martin and W. C. King.

Fisher's River: Minutes—Elders O. J. Denny and B. F. McKinney. Also Elder John R. Smith.

White Oak: Minutes—Elders M. B. Martin and F. W. Keene.

Mayo: Minutes—Elder John R. Smith and Brothers T. W. Rice and G. W. Dix.

Kehukee: Minutes—

Lower Country Line: Minutes—Elders B. F. McKinney, M. B. Martin, and W. C. Jones.

Abbott's Creek: Minutes—Elders O. J. Denny, F. W. Keene, M. B. Martin, and J. W. Gilliam.

Pig River: Minutes—Elders T. A. Stanfield and F. W. Keene; Brothers G. W. Dix, J. H. Dye, John Delancy, and T. W. Rice.

Smith River: Minutes—Elder O. J. Denny.

Staunton River: Minutes—Elders J. W. Gilliam, F. W. Keene, and M. B. Martin, and Brother T. W. Rice.

New River: Minutes.

Mill Branch: Minutes—Elders T. A. Stanfield and F. W. Keene.

Contentnea: Minutes—Elders T. A. Stanfield and F. W. Keene.

Baltimore: Minutes.

Salem: Minutes—Elders O. J. Denny and J. W. Gilliam; Brothers G. A. Porterfield, G. W. Dix, and J. H. Dye.

Seven Mile: Minutes.

Durham Association (Col.): Minutes.

10. On motion it was agreed that our next Association be held with the Church at Pleasant Grove meeting house, in Caswell County, North Carolina, to begin at 10:00 o'clock on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in July, 1931, and continue three days. Elder T. A. Stanfield was requested to preach the introductory sermon, and Elder B. F. McKinney was requested to be his alternate.

On motion it was agreed to insert the following Letter of Correspondence, to-wit:

The Upper Country Line Primitive Baptist Association, now convened with the Church at Lick Fork meeting house, in Rockingham County, North Carolina, on July 26, 27, and 28, 1930, doth send greetings and Christian Salutations to our sister Associations and Meetings with whom we correspond, as follows:

Since receiving your correspondence last year, quite a few of our corresponding Elders (many of our oldest and ablest gifts in the ministry) have fallen asleep, and we shall not have the privilege of meeting them here, or seeing their faces in the flesh again. We shall miss them in our solemn assemblies—their able counsel and untiring interest; these were able gifts in the ministry of the word, and their long years of faithful and unselfish service—counting no sacrifice on their part when the good of the cause is at stake; their humble, yet bold and unwavering defence of the doctrinal truths of God our Saviour, as believed by Old School, or Primitive Baptist with reference to total depravity, eternal election, predestination, salvation wholly and exclusively by the grace of God, final perseverance of the saints unto glory, and the resurrection of the dead—contending earnestly for the faith once delivered to the saints. We count it a great mercy to have known these brethren, whom we look upon as fathers in Israel, and we feel now that they are worthy of special mention in this minute, as follows:

Elder L. H. Hardy of Atlantic, N. C., corresponding from Hunting Quarters Church, formerly of the White Oak Association. At

the time the Country Line divided into Upper and Lower Country Line Associations in 1906, Elder Hardy held his membership with this Association, and was her Moderator, and continued to serve the Upper Country Line for several successive terms, serving well, and made an excellent Moderator. He served as Pastor for a number of years several churches in this Association, including this Church—Lick Fork. Elder Hardy was certainly one of our ablest and best gifts in the ministry. He traveled extensively in many of the states of the Union, and, also, in Canada, and was recognized as one of the ablest preachers and writers of his generation. He was a firm believer in the absolute predestination of all things, and was strictly opposed to any conditional doctrines among us;

Elder Isaac Jones of Maple Hill, N. C., of the White Oak Association, who served his Association long and ably as Moderator, and correspondant, was one of the most highly esteemed ministers of the Primitive Baptist faith in the United States, and in the language of our late and highly esteemed Elder P. D. Gold, "Elder Isaac Jones is the favorite preacher among us, from the mountains to the sea-shore." He came to us for about fifty years as correspondant from the White Oak Association, and his preaching and doctrine was always received by us as the very truth, and the common people heard him gladly. Elder Jones traveled extensively, but principally in North Carolina, Virginia, and South Carolina, but traveling occasionally through the Southern, Northern and Western states. He was a firm believer in the absolute predestination of all things, and would frequently say in his preaching that he loved to use the word "absolute," for it meant certain, fixed, sure—unconditional. Elder Jones served many churches as pastor in the bounds of the White Oak Aassociation.

Elder C. A. Davis of the Salem Association, one of our very best gifts, and one of the favorites among our preachers. Elder Davis served several churches as pastor, but found time to travel considerably, and visited our association fairly regularly from time to time, and was always well received. This able brother was sound in the doctrine, and held fast the same doctrine, being graciously taught of God, and was held in high esteem by all his brethren;

Elder Samuel McMillon, of High Point, N. C., the beloved Moderator of the Abbott's Creek Association, and one of the outstanding gifts among our preachers, coming to us as Correspondant from the Abbott's Creek Association for many years. Elder McMillon served several churches in the bounds of the Abbott's Creek Association, Salem Association, and Bear Creek Association, and visited quite a few of our Associations in North Carolina, Virginia, and South Carolina. Elder McMillon and Elder Isaac Jones loved

each other dearly, holding fast the same doctrine, and being strictly opposed to conditionalism;

Elder J. W. Flinchum of the Mayo Association, one of our best ministers, and most highly esteemed gifts. This able servant of God served several of the churches of his Association with much honor, and was greatly beloved by all. He was certainly a predestinarian Baptist, and had grown bolder as he grew older, contending earnestly for the same faith, and fell asleep at the close of his last discourse, dying in Macedonia meeting house, a church he loved most tenderly and served faithfully for many years;

The passing of Elder J. J. Hall of the Lower Country Line Association has just come to our attention today. Elder Hall has been the most outstanding gift of the Lower Country Line association for many years, serving churches in his home Association. Elder Hall was an absolute predestinarian Baptist, preaching a doctrine that was strong and substantial, and leaving no one to guess as to what he believed. He was greatly beloved by his churches, and highly appreciated as an able, sound, and excellent gift by this Association. We mourn the passing of these worthy and excellent gifts, and are now reminded that few of us appreciated these men of God as we ought. May the Lord continue to raise up others of like faith and doctrine, and guide his dear people in the way of truth and righteousness for his own dear name sake; and,

Notwithstanding our many sorrows and tribulations through which we feel the Lord has brought us since we last met, we are again privileged, and count this a great mercy, to meet together, and receive your correspondence again, and for which we desire to thank the Lord, and may all such occasions as this prove a strengthening of the ties which have brought us together.

Our next Session will convene with the Church at Pleasant Grove in Caswell County, N. C., beginning on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in July, 1931, and continue for three days, at which time we hope to receive your correspondence again.

ELDER B. F. McKINNEY, Moderator.
ELDER J. W. GILLIAM, Association Clerk.

IN MEMORIAM

Whereas, in the passing of our Brother, Elder Wm. M. Monsees of the Greensboro Church, of the Upper Country Line Association, the Primitive Baptist Church has lost a worthy good brother. Elder Monsees has lived in the bounds of this Association for ten years, or more, and for the greater part of this time held his membership with the Church in Reidsville, N. C. While Elder Monsees never served Churches in this Association, he was well known, and highly

esteemed by our brethren. We feel that in his passing the Association has lost one of her highly esteemed and useful gifts. Elder Monsees travelled extensively in Eastern North Carolina, and served one or more churches as pastor. He died at his brother's home in Durham, N. C., last winter, and his remains were laid to rest in the Mount Lebanon Church burying ground, a few miles out of the city.

ELDER B. F. McKINNEY, Moderator.
ELDER J. W. GILLIAM, Clerk.

"A REQUEST"

First, That any Church composing the Upper Country Line Association who has one or more ministerial gifts whom she has liberated to the exercise of his gift shall report same to the Association, furnishing the full name and address of the gift, or gifts;

Second, That any information covering the full status of her gifts, including their name and address, shall be furnished the Association in each annual report.

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11. The Finance Committee made the following report to the Association:

Contributions from the Churches	$135.95
Contributions from other sources	164.30
In the Hands of the Clerk	5.00
Total funds available	$305.25
Recommendation for disbursements:	
For printing, postage, and mailing 1,000 copies of this Minute	$ 42.00
For water, ice, lights, lumber, and general sundry expenses, as directed and paid by the committee	194.35
For Clerk's fee	20.00
Left in hand of the Clerk for contingent expenses	5.00
For visiting ministers for expenses	43.90
Total disbursements	$305.25

Moved that the Finance Committee report be received and the Committee excused, which was agreed.

12. Moved that the Clerk have 1,000 copies of these Minutes printed and distributed with the Churches of our Association, and among Sister Associations with whom we correspond, which was agreed.

13. Whereas, our brethren have been well favored in preaching the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, and many have been blessed to hear and enjoy same, and now that our Association is drawing to a close, be it resolved:

(a) That we return thanks to God for the blessings enjoyed;

(b) That we extend thanks to all our brethren, sisters, and friends who have shown kindness and hospitality in caring for our Association, and her friends;

(c) That the Association now stands adjourned to meet next year (1931) with Pleasant Grove Church on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in July.

Resolved, further, that this Association extend special thanks to Mr. Edgar King, Manager of the Home Light Sales Agency, for the splendid lights furnished during this session. Mr. King, who is a brother of Elder W. C. King, has furnished electric lights for each session of our Association for the past several years, and this has been a great favor to the Association, and has added much to the enjoyment of all who attend these Associations. We feel especially grateful to Mr. King for this kindness.

MINISTERS

Elders in our Association and their addresses:

Elder Frederick W. Keene, Raleigh, N. C., 501 Cleveland St.
Elder B. B. McKinney, Reidsville, N. C., Route No. 7.
Elder W. C. Jones, Burlington, N. C.
Elder O. J. Denny, Winston-Salem, N. C.
Elder J. W. Gilliam, Altamahaw, N. C., Route No. 1.
Elder B. F. McKinney, Hurdle Mills, N. C.
Elder W. C. King, Union Ridge, N. C., Route No. 1.
Elder J. P. Johnson, Danville, Va., Route No. 3.
Elder T. A. Stanfield, Reidsville, N. C., Route No. 7.
Elder M. B. Martin, Burlington, N. C., Route No. 2.
Elder John R. Smith, Reidsville, N. C., Route No. 5.

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Fisher's River: Elder G. O. Key.

White Oak: Elder E. F. Pollard.

Mayo: Elders J. F. and D. V. Spangler, J. O. Pruitt, and Jack Pullum.

Lower Country Line: Elders E. C. Oakes and W. R. Monk.
Contentnea: Elder Jas. S. Corbett.

Pig River: Elders Randolph Purdue, John Pete Helms, and J. F. Stigall.

Salem: Elders G. M. Trent, D. A. O'Briant and G. W. Hill.

Staunton River: Elder W. R. Dodd.

PREACHING

The introductory sermon was preached by Elder J. W. Gilliam, from 1st Cor. 1:26-29; followed by Elder B. F. McKinney, from I John 1:3; followed by Elder O. J. Denny, from John 3:1.

Saturday Afternoon:
Elder J. F. Stigall, Text: Ezk. 36:26.
Elder G. O. Key, Text: Isa. 26:1st.
At 4:30 O'clock:
Elder E. F. Pollard, Text: 2nd Tim. 4:1-2.
At 8 O'clock:
Elder J. S. Corbett, Text: Did not get text.
Elder Jack Pullum, Text: Did not get text.
Sunday Morning:
Elder Randolph Purdue, Text: John 10:16.
Elder E. L. Cobb, Text: Matt. 16:13-19.
Elder J. F. Spangler, Text: Isa. 53:3.
At 2 P. M.:
Elder D. V. Spangler, Text: John 10:1-5.
Elder John Pete Helm, Text: Jude 3 vs.
Elder E. F. Pierce, Text: Isa. 55:1.
Elder H. F. Hutchens, Text: 1st Sam. 17:29.
At 4:30 P. M.:
Brother William Stadler, Text: Matt. 16:16-18.
At 8:00 O'clock:
Elder J. W. Wyatt, Text: 1st John 3:1st.
Elder D. G. Staples—No special text.
Monday Morning at 10 O'clock:
Elder E. C. Oakes, Text: We speak that which we do know, etc.
Elder W. R. Monk, Text: I Cor. 2:2.
Brother Harris, of Kehukee, Text: 1st John 1:1.
Elder Cyrus Adams, Text: Rev. 22:1-3.
Elder G. W. Hill—No special text.
Elder W. R. Dodd, closing remarks.

LIST OF CHURCHES AND ROTATION

List of the churches composing the Upper Country Line Primitive Baptist Association, with order of sessions since the Country Line

Association divided into Upper and Lower Country Line Associations in 1906, as follows:

*Pleasant Grove	1913-1931
McCray	1914
Greensboro	1915
Dan River	1916
New Hope	1917
Moon's Creek	1918
Monticello	1919
Prospect Hill	1920
Wolf Island	1921
Bush Arbor	1922
Big Meadows	1923
Country Line	1924
Harmony	1925-1907
Reidsville	1926-1908
Gilliam's	1927-1909
Oak Grove	1928-1910
Lynches' Creek	1929-1911
Lick Fork	1930-1912

*Appointed to be held.

MAILING LIST OF CHURCHES

	No. Minutes
Arbor—J. E. Simmons, Yanceyville, N. C., R. 2	60
Big Meadows—Elder W. C. Jones, Burlington, N. C.	25
Country Line—Elder W. C. King, Union Ridge, N. C.	15
Dan River—Mrs. L. K. Wilson, Ruffin, N. C., Route No. 3	40
Gilliam's—Elder J. W. Gilliam, Altamahaw, N. C., R. No. 1	55
Harmony—Mrs. T. W. Wilson, Cedar Grove, N. C.	30
Lick Fork—C. L. Saunders, Reidsville, N. C., R. No. 5	30
Lynches' Creek—William Warren, Corbett, N. C.	25
McCray—A. G. Porterfield, Burlington, N. C., R. No. 3	25
Moon's Creek—Mrs. J. W. Neal, Danville, Va., R. No. 5	25
Pleasant Grove—G. W. Walker, Reidsville, N. C., R. No. 7	50
Prospect Hill—W. D. Blalock, Prospect Hill, N. C.	50
Reidsville—E. R. Harris, Reidsville, N. C.	50
Wolf Island—J. R. Stone, Reidsville, N. C., R. No. 3	55
Oak Grove—Robt. H. Jones, Yanceyville, N. C., R. No. 1	20
New Hope—J. S. Knowles, Reidsville, N C., R. No. 6	50
Monticello—J. J. Lambeth, Elon College, N. C.	25
Greensboro—I. E. Neal, Greensboro, N. C.	38
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DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO ASSOCIATIONS

Bear Creek—J. W. Jones, Peachland, N. C.	20
Abbott's Creek, Ira F. Freeman, Steed, N. C.	18
Black Creek—Elder E. L. Cobb, Wilson, N. C.	18
Contentnea—H. L. Brake, Rocky Mount, N. C.	20
Fisher's River—Elder F. P. Stone, Francisco, N. C., No. 1	25
Kehukee—Elder B. S. Cowin, Williamston, N. C.	27
Little River—Elder L. H. Stephenson, Wil. Springs, N. C., R.1	20
Mayo—S. G. Dobbins, Claudville, Va.	20
New River—Elder J. M. Dickson, Floyd, Va.	20
Salem—W. L. Teague, Winston-Salem, N. C.	18
Smith's River—Elder J. D. Cockram, Stuart, Va.	18
Staunton River—R. L. Dodson, 147 Broad St., Danville, Va.	18
Lower Country Line—J. H. Gooch, Stem, N. C.	20
White Oak—Elder Isaac Jones, Maple Hill, N. C.	20
Pig River—Elder E. L. Blankenship, Boon's Mill, Va.	15
Seven Mile—Elder L. A. Johnson, Benson, N. C.	15
Mill Branch—W. C. Brown, Tabor, N. C.	20
Durham (Colored)—Brother Joe Graves, Reidsville, N. C., R. 5	20
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ARTICLES OF FAITH

We, the messengers of the several churches composing the Upper Country Line Association, agree, for the satisfaction of our brethren and friends, to publish an abstract of the principles of faith upon which we unite and will endeavor with the help of the Lord to maintain.

1. We believe in the being of God as Almighty, Eternal, Unchangeable, of infinite wisdom, power, justice, holiness, goodness, mercy and truth, and that this God has revealed Himself in His Word, under the character of Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

2. We believe that Almighty God has made known His mind and will to the children of men in His Word which Word we believe to be of divine authority and contains all things necessary to be known for the salvation of man. The same is comprehended or contained in the books of the Old and New Testaments.

3. We believe that God before the foundation of the world, for a purpose of his own glory, did elect a certain number of men and

angels to eternal life, and that this election is particular, eternal and unconditional on the creature's part.

4. We believe that when God made man he was good and upright, but by his own transgression he fell from that good and upright state, and being the head and representative of the whole human race, they being his natural offspring, he involved all of them in the same ruined state with himself, and they were partakers of, and exposed to, the miseries which sprang from his disobedience.

5. We believe that it is utterly out of the power of man as a fallen creature to keep the law of God perfectly, or to truly repent of his sins, or believe in Christ, except he be drawn by the Holy Spirit.

6. We believe in God's own appointed time and way the elect will be called, justified, pardoned and sanctified, and that it is impossible that they utterly refuse the call; but shall be willing by divine grace to receive mercy.

7. We believe that justification in the sight of God is only by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ, received and applied by faith.

8. We believe that God's elect will be converted and born again by the effectual working of the Holy Spirit.

9. We believe that all God's children are called by grace and born again by the effectual working of the Holy Spirit.

10. We believe it to be a duty incumbent on all God's people to walk religiously in all God's works, not in the old covenant way of seeking life and the favor of the Lord by it, but only as a duty from a principle of love.

11. We believe baptism by immersion, and the Lord's supper are gospel ordinances, both belonging to the converted or true believer.

12. We believe that every church is independent in matters of discipline and that associations, councils and conferences of ministers or churches, are not to impose on the church, the keeping, holding or maintaining of any principle or practice contrary to the church's judgment.

13. We believe in the general resurrection of the dead, both of the just and the unjust, and final judgment.

14. We believe the punishment of the wicked is everlasting and the joys of the righteous eternal.

15. We believe that no minister has a right to administer the ordinances unless called and comes under the imposition of hands by the presbytery.

16. Lastly, we believe that for the mutual comfort, union and

satisfaction of the several churches of the aforesaid faith and order, we ought to meet in an association capacity wherein each church ought to be represented by the messengers to advise with each other in conference.

RULES OF DECORUM

1. The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

2. Only one person shall speak at a time, who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator in the beginning of his speech.

3. Every brother speaking shall adhere strictly to the subject under consideration and shall in no way reflect on any other brother.

4. No messenger shall absent himself from the Association while in conference without permission.

5. No messenger shall speak more than three times on the same subject without permission from the Association.

6. Messengers shall keep strict order while the business of the Association is being transacted.

7. No messengers shall be interrupted while speaking, unless he violates the rules of this decorum.

8. No messengers shall address another in any other term or appellation other than the title of brother.

9. The names of the members composing the Association shall be enrolled by the clerk and called over as often as the Association requires.

10. The Moderator shall not speak on any question before the Association until all the other messengers are through speaking, when he may give his views, after any messenger, having a right to speak, may reply to any new matter introduced by the Moderator.

11. Any member who shall violate any of the rules of the Association shall be dealt with by the Association as it deems proper.

STATISTICAL TABLE

Churches	Names of Messengers	Contri. by Chs.	Rec'd by E. & B.	Rec'd by Letter	Restored to Fel.	Increase Totals	Dis. by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Decrease Totals	No. in Fel.
Bush Arbor	Eld. W. C. King, W. A. McKinney, and J. D. Simmons	$ 13.00	1								44
Big Meadows	Eld. W. C. Jones, S. S. Jones, and H. Crutchfield	3.00							1		10
Country Line	Elder J. P. Pullem, representing	2.70							1		5
Dan River	W. G. Dix, T. W. Rice and J. E. Aaron	5.00	5	4							42
Gilliam's	Eld. J. W. Gilliam, G. L. Rudd, and L. J. Saunders	13.50		1			1		1		27
Harmony	Sisters Wilson and Daniels	2.00							1		9
Lick Fork	Sister Kate Hooper, C. L. Saunders and John R. Smith	10.00									22
Lynches' Creek	William Warren	5.50									4
McCray	A. G. Porterfield and Robert Cates	22.00									9
Moon's Creek	Sisters B. G. Hodges and Belle Neal	1.00							1		3
Oak Grove	Brother R. H. Jones and R. A. Poteat	2.00									6
Pleasant Grove	Eld. T. A. Stanfield, H. W. Ware, and S. L. Gwyn	8.50	2						1		51
Prospect Hill	W. D. Blalock, W. P. Warren, and H. T. Oakley	12.50									22
Reidsville	E. R. Harris, J. N. Moorefield, Charles Delancy	10.00	2	1							26
Wolf Island	J. R. Stone, R. A. Smith, and R. S. Somers	5.00							2		38
New Hope	F. M. Walker, J. J. Somers, and G. R. Robertson	4.25									13
Monticello	H. W., J. J. and W. D. Lambeth	6.00									17
Greensboro	Eld. O. J. Denny, J. T. Cobb, and I. E. Neal	10.00		2			2	1	1		38
	Totals	$135.95	10	8		18	3	1	9	13	386

*Absentees marked.

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OF THE

TWENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

UPPER COUNTRY LINE PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH THE CHURCH

AT

PLEASANT GROVE, CASWELL COUNTY,
NORTH CAROLINA

July 25, 26 and 27, 1931

OFFICERS

ELDER B. F. McKINNEY, Moderator ..... Hurdle Mills, N. C.
ELDER J. W. GILLIAM, Association Clerk ..... Altamahaw, N. C.
ELDER T. A. STANFIELD, Assistant Clerk ..... Reidsville, N. C.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE UPPER COUNTRY LINE ASSOCIATION—1931

1. The introductory sermon was preached by Elder T. A. Stanfield, from Isaiah 22:20-25; followed by Elder B. F. McKinney, from no special text; followed by Elder B. B. McKinney, from Eph. 3:8.

2. After an intermission for dinner, the Association convened, and after praise and prayer by Elder J. F. Stigall of the Pig River Association, proceeded to business.

(a) Moved that the Clerk call the roll of the churches, and mark all absentee messengers, which was agreed. Absentees marked (*) in the statistical table.

(b) Moved that we elect a Moderator for this Session, which was agreed, and Elder B. F. McKinney was put in nomination and elected.

(c) Moved that the Committee on Arrangements shall consist of the Moderator, the Association Clerk, the Assistant Clerk, messengers from the church entertaining the Association, and one messenger appointed by the Moderator, which was agreed; and Brother C. L. Saunders was appointed.

(d) Moved that the Moderator appoint any necessary committees, which was agreed, and the Moderator appointed a committee on Finance, the Committee being made up of the following brethren, to-wit: Brother I. E. Neal, J. J. Lambeth and J. D. Simmons.

3. Motion: Resolved that the Moderator call for Petitionary Letters, which was done, and none received.

4. Messengers and visitors from Corresponding Associations were invited to take seats with us, whereupon the following were seated, to-wit:

Little River: Minutes—Elder E. F. Pierce and Brother C. O. Langley, visitor.

Black Creek: Minutes—Elders H. F. Hutchens, J. W. Wyatt, S. B. Denny and Brother W. H. Burch.

Mayo: Minutes—Elders D. V. Spangler, J. F. Spangler, W. B. Stadler, Jack Pullem and Brother Jerry Lewis.

Kehukee: Correspondence by Minutes—Elder Jaby Harris, visitor.

Lower Country Line: Minutes—Brothers W. F. Long, I. C. Chambers; Elders A. L. Holloway, Roy Monk, E. C. Oakes, L. J. Chandler, and others.

Abbott's Creek: Minutes—Brothers A. L. Wright, W. E. Mabe, J. W. Bondurant, C. B. Owens, and others.

Contentnea: Minutes—Brother E. A. Stanfield.

Pig River: Minutes—Elders Randolph Purdue and J. F. Stigall; Brothers H. M. Lawrence and G. R. Mintor, and others.

Smith's River: Minutes—Elder B. H. Martin.

Staunton River: Minutes—Brothers J. F. Williams, J. H. Butcher, and J. E. Dodson; also Elder W. R. Dodd.

Represented by Minutes Only

Fisher's River, White Oak, New River, Mill Branch, Baltimore, Salem, Seven Miles, Zion, Bear Creek, and Durham Association (Col.)

5. Letters from the several churches composing the Upper Country Line were received, read, and their standing recorded in the statistical table of this Minute.

To the Messengers of the Churches composing the UPPER COUNTRY LINE ASSOCIATION, convened with the Church at Pleasant Grove meeting house in Caswell County, North Carolina, on this the 25th day of July, A. D., 1931, Greeting:

Brother Moderator and Brethren: I beg leave to submit for the consideration of this body, or association, at this time, some mattters about which we feel deeply interested, and which are causing many of our brethren very serious concern, and we sincerely desire of you a patient hearing and a prayerful consideration of same, to the end that we may be found contending earnestly for the faith once delivered to the saints—the doctrine of God our Saviour, His Apostles and Prophets, as revealed in the scriptures of the Old and New Testaments—the Bible.

1st, Let me say, that departures from the true faith, apostacy, and a manifest tendency on the part of some to remove the ancient landmarks our fathers have set (Prov. 22:28), together with that manifest desire on the part of the tried children of God to stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein (Jer. 6:16); and, notably, because, also, as history clearly proves, an increased tendency, from year to year, to introduce new things, for which we have no thus sayeth the Lord (viz. Tract Societies, Sunday Schools, Church Schools, Bible Societies, Mission Societies, Protracted Meetings, Conditionalism, Two or more Salvations, Limited Predestination, etc.), all of which are comparatively new doctrines among Old School or Primitive Baptist, and some of which are still breeding trouble in our near bounds, and especially among some of our sister Associations and correspondents, threatening open division, and causing much unrest and trouble among the Churches; and, feeling that the interest of the Church would be best served, for the good of all concerned, and desiring to be clearly understood on all points of doctrine (with no desire to take advantage of a brother's slips or make him an offender for a word) our people have, from time to time, felt it safest and best, to re-affirm their position on the doctrine, so that any departures from same might be apparent to all.

"Experience teaches that creeds are a necessity. Every man who has principles gives utterance to them; and every association, secular or religious, which stands for anything, will in some way or

other, make formal declaration of what it holds. Sects rejecting creeds have been organized, but they have invariably and inevitably been moved to set up some sort of a platform to distinguish them from all others. And this is a creed. There can be no Christian organization without one.''—Sanford's Cyc. page 225.

Primitive Baptist are not ashamed of their articles of faith; there is nothing about them they wish to hide or cover up; and while they do not claim that their articles stand on par with the scriptures (the inspired word of God) they are intended to represent a concise, abridged, and condensed summary of what they believe the scriptures to teach. Elder Hassell says, on page 837 of his Church History, ''Primitive Baptists stand by their Articles; they read them, they believe them to be true, and they preach the doctrine contained in them; and hope that themselves and their successors will continue to do so even to the end of the world. And this they do with pleasure, though well aware that such a course is disapproved by nearly all other professed Christians in America. While some denominations have creeds more or less orthodox, yet it is lamentably true that they are almost universally disregarded by the ministers and members of nearly all the religious sects and societies in the land. Evidently the tendency for the last hundred years, especially in the United States, has been to leave the ancient landmark of salvation by grace and move in the direction of salvation by works. Human efforts, human means, human passions and human zeal are greatly relied on for the conversion of the world by vast multitudes of professors, who almost entirely ignore the wisdom, power, goodness and mercy of God in the salvation of men. In this awful day of degeneracy, Baptist should adhere the more steadfastly to the Apostles' doctrine, which induces to fellowship in Christ, to communion and prayers; in order that the distinction between the church and the world might appear greater than ever before, if possible.''

Now, my brethren, the subject of this address is in no wise intended to disclaim any articles of our faith, as published in the previous minutes of this association, but rather to point out more clearly and unmistakably the doctrine of this association with reference to our position on certain controverted questions of dispute, upon which some of the corresponding associations are much troubled at this time, and which may lead to open division and break of fellowship among the churches and associations, and, furthermore, this address is not intended as a declaration of non-fellowship to any of our correspondence, but to serve notice to all of the doctrine of this association, as touching upon the decree of God, His purpose, predestination, and providence; also, as pertains to obedience and good works of His creatures, holding fast, as we believe the ancient doctrines, as declared by those of like precious faith in the Old London Con-

fession of Faith, declared by Elder Hassell to be the most excellent expression of the teaching of the scriptures ever published by uninspired men, which confession was signed by the Ministers and Messengers of upward of one hundred congregations of baptised believers in England and Wales (denying Arminianism) in 1689, and was later adopted by the Philadelphia Association in 1742, and was later, during the eighteenth century, either adopted or re-affirmed by all the Predestinarian Baptist Associations in the United States, including the Kehukee Association, in 1765, this Association being the oldest Primitive Baptist Association in North Carolina, and the fourth oldest in the United States, and Elder Hassell states in his History concerning them, page 662, "the majority of these churches (composing the Kehukee Association) were descendants of the English General Baptist at first, but before they united in an associated capacity, they were thoroughly established in the doctrine of grace, and adopted the London Articles of Faith of 1689," extracts from which Confession we insert to prove the consistency of our position and contention on certain controverted questions of doctrine disturbing many of our people at this time, as follows: London Confession, Chapter three, of God's decree, section one, "God hath (Isa. 46:10; Eph. 1:11; Heb. 6:17; Rom. 9:15, 18) decreed in Himself from all eternity, by the most wise and holy counsel of His will, freely and unchangeably, all things whatsoever come to pass; yet so as thereby is God neither the author of sin (James 1:15, 17; 1 John 1:5), nor hath fellowship with any therein; nor is violence offered to the will of the creature, nor yet is the liberty or contingency of second causes taken away, but rather (Acts. 4:27, 28; John 19:11) established, in which appears His wisdom in disposing all things, and power and faithfulness (Num. 23:19; Eph. 1:3-5) in accomplishing His decree; section two, "Although God knoweth whatsoever may or can come to pass upon all (Acts 15:18) supposed conditions, yet hath He not decreed anything (Rom. 9:11, 13, 16, 18), because he foresaw it as future, or as that which would come to pass upon such conditions"; Chapter five, Divine Providence, section one, "God, the Creator of all things, in His infinite power and wisdom, doth (Heb. 1:3; Job. 38:11; Isa. 46:10-11; Psa. 13:5-6) uphold, direct, dispose and govern all creatures and things, from the greatest even to the (Matt. 10:26, 30, 31) least, by His most wise and holy providence, to the end for which they were created, according unto His infallible fore-knowledge and the free and immutable counsel of His (Eph. 1:11) own will; to the praise of the glory of His wisdom, power, justice, infinite goodness and mercy"; second, "Although in relation to the foreknowledge and decree of God, the first cause, all things come to pass (Acts 2:23) immutably and infallibly, so that there is not anything befalls any (Prov. 16:23) by chance or without His providence; yet by the same

providence he ordereth them to fall out according to the nature of second causes, either (Gen. 8:22) necessarily, freely or contingently''; thirdly, ''God in His ordinary providence (Acts 27, 31, 44; Isa. 55:10, 11) maketh use of means; yet is free (Hosea 1:7) to work without (Rom. 4:19, 21), above and (Daniel 3:27) against them at His pleasure''; fourthly, ''The Almighty power, unsearchable wisdom and infinite goodness of God so far manifest themselves in His providence, that His determinate counsel (Rom. 11:32-34; 2 Sam. 24:1; 1 Chron. 21:1) extendeth itself even to the first fall, and all other sinful actions both of angels and men (and that not by a bare permission); which also He most wisely and powerfully (2 Kings 19:28; Psa. 76:10) boundeth, and otherwise ordereth and governeth, in a manifold dispensation to His most holy (Gen. 1:20; Isa. 10:6, 7, 12) ends; yet so as the sinfulness of their acts proceedeth only from the creatures, and not from God, who being most holy and righteous, neither is nor can be the author or (Psa. 1:21; John 2:16) approver of sin; * * * * * Of Good Works, Chapter 16, section one, Good works are only such as God hath (Micah 6:8; Heb. 13:21) commanded in His holy word, and not such as without the warrant thereof are devised by men, out of blind zeal (Matt. 15:9; Isa. 19:13), or upon any pretense of good intentions. N. B. (We believe that God has wrought all the works of His children in them (Isa. 26:12), and they as His workmanship, are created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that they should walk in them (Eph. 2:10), and that their ability to do good works is not of themselves, but wholly of the spirit, and according as God works in them both to will and to do of His own good pleasure (Phil. 2:13), and that as the branches are in the vine, so are His children in Him, and have their fruits unto holiness and the end everlasting life (Rom. 6:22), and that it is of God that His children are in Christ, who, of God, is made unto them, wisdom, righteousness, santification, and redemption, and hence God not only puts them in this way, which is Christ, but they are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time (1 Peter 1:5), and ''that the perseverance of the saints depends not upon their own free will, but upon the immutability of the decree of (Rom. 8:30; Rom. 9:11, 16) election, flowing from the free and unchangeable love of God the Father, upon the efficacy of the merit and intercession of Jesus Christ (Rom. 5:9, 10; John 14:19) and union with Him, the (Heb. 6:17, 18) oath of God, the abiding of His Spirit and the (1 John 3:9) seed of God within them, and the nature of the (Jer. 22:40) covenant of grace, from all which ariseth also the certainty and infallibility thereof'', and in our conclusion, join with Elder Hassell in saying that, ''while the sinner has destroyed himself, all his salvation,

from first to last, is of the pure, unmerited, almighty and unchanging grace of God.''—H. History, Page 942.

Now, upon the subject of obedience, our faith lays hold on Christ Jesus, the Saviour of sinners—the obedient one, for strength and every necessary help in time of need, confessing that of myself I can do nothing, but all things through Christ that strengthneth me. When God works the will, He, also, works the strength, and obedience always follows. David said unto the Lord, When thou saidst, Seek ye my face; my heart said unto thee, Thy face, Lord, will I seek (Psa. 27:8), and again, Paul declares, having received grace and apostleship, for obedience to the faith among all nations (Rom. 1:5), his obedience, saying, So, as much as in me is, I am ready to preach the gospel to you that are at Rome also (Rom. 1:15), and we believe, as God has said, My word shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereunto I send it (Isa. 55:11); and when Jesus was exceedingly sorrowful, even unto death, we hear his words, O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as thou wilt (Matt. 26:39); hence, concerning His people (the children of obedience) He says, Thy people shall be willing in the day of thy power (Psa. 110:3), and all the promises of God in him are yea, and in him Amen, unto the glory of God by us (2 Cor. 1:20). All obedience is based on love—God's love toward us, which causes our love toward Him, and with His mind in us, His will and pleasure becomes our will and pleasure—acquiescence,—obedience.

Submitted by Elder J. W. Gilliam.

Moved, Brother Moderator, that this address be inserted in this year's Minute, and that such portion of same as relates to our position on the doctrine of God's Decree, His Purpose, Predestination, Providence, Good Works, and Obedience be inserted in our Articles of Faith, which was passed by the Messengers on Saturday without a dissenting vote. (N. B.) On Monday Brother E. R. Harris moved the address be printed in our Minute, and let the churches approve, or disapprove and notify by next letter, which was passed by the Messengers present on Monday.

6. On motion the Association adjourned to meet again Monday morning, July 27, 1931, at 9:00 o'clock.

ELDER B. F. McKINNEY, Moderator.

ELDER J. W. GILLIAM, Association Clerk.

ELDER T. A. STANFIELD, Assistant Clerk.

MONDAY MORNING, JULY 27, 1931, AT 9:00 O'CLOCK

7. The Association met according to appointment, and after praise and prayer by Elder Roy Monk of the Lower Country Line Association, proceeded to business.

8. The Messengers, who were appointed last year to visit sister Associations, were called upon for a report. All reports were carefully noted, and those who could not attend were excused.

9. Messengers taking appointment to visit corresponding Associations at their next sitting, are as follows:

Little River: Minutes—Elders M. B. Martin, F. W. Keene, and J. W. Gilliam.

Black Creek: Minutes—Elders B. F. McKinney, F. W. Keene, M. B. Martin, and T. A. Stanfield.

Fisher's River: Minutes—Elders J. R. Smith and B. F. McKinney.

White Oak: Minutes—Elders M. B. Martin, F. W. Keene, and J. R. Smith.

Mayo: Minutes—Brothers W. G. Dix, R. S. Somers, and Elder J. R. Smith.

Kehukee: Minutes.

Lower Country Line: Minutes—Elders W. C. Jones, J. W. Gilliam, B. F. McKinney, W. C. King, M. B. Martin, and Brothers W. A. McKinney and E. R. Harris.

Abbott's Creek: Minutes—Elders W. C. Jones, M. B. Martin, and W. C. King.

Pig River: Minutes—Brother W. G. Dix, Elders F. W. Keene, T. A. Stanfield, J. W. Gilliam, and J. R. Smith.

Smith River and New River: Minutes.

Staunton River: Minutes—Elders F. W. Keene and J. R. Smith; Brothers W. G. Dix, J. H. Dye, and A. B. Dabbs.

Mill Branch: Minutes—Elders T. A. Stanfield, F. W. Keene, and J. R. Smith.

Contentnea: Minutes—Elders T. A. Stanfield and F. W. Keene.

Baltimore: Minutes.

Salem: Minutes—Elders J. W. Gilliam and W. C. Jones; Brothers J. H. Dye, W. A. McKinney, and W. G. Dix.

Seven Mile: Minutes.

Durham Association (Col.): Minutes.

10. On motion it was agreed that our next Association be held with the Church at McCray meeting house, in Alamance County, North Carolina, to begin at 10:00 o'clock on Saturday before the Fourth Sunday in July, 1932, and continue three days. Elder W. C. King was requested to preach the introductory sermon, and Elder B. F. McKinney was requested to be his alternate.

On motion it was agreed to insert the following Letter of Correspondence, to-wit:

The Upper Country Line Primitive Baptist Association, now convened with the Church at Pleasant Grove meeting house, in Caswell County, North Carolina, on July 25, 26, and 27, 1931, doth send greetings and Christian Salutations to our sister Associations and Meetings with whom we correspond. Our Churches have all reported that peace and fellowship reigns in our midst, and our people seem content with the faith once delivered to the saints. We stand on the ancient doctrines of the Church, and would not remove the landmarks our fathers have set. We believe that God is the same yesterday, today, and forever; that he rules supreme in the army of heaven and among the inhabitants of the earth, and none can say unto him, Jehovah, what doest Thou?; that there is a time to every purpose under the heaven, and that all things are in the hands of him with whom we have to do, who has declared Himself to be Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty; that He, declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things not yet done, saying my counsel shall stand and I will do all of my pleasure, assures us in his word, that as I have thought, so shall it come to pass, and as I have purposed, so shall it stand, hence we desire to stand fast in this ancient doctrine, and have no compromise to make with conditionalism. We commend these sacred truths to you, and may the God of all our mercies make our correspondence a blessing to each of us.

Our next Session will convene with the Church at McCray meeting house, in Alamance County, North Carolina, beginning on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in July, 1932, and continuing three days, at which time we hope to receive your correspondence again.

ELDER B. F. McKINNEY, Moderator
ELDER J. W. GILLIAM, Association Clerk.

"A STANDING REQUEST"

First, That any Church composing the Upper Country Line Association who has one or more ministerial gifts whom she has liberated to the exercise of his gift shall report same to the Association, furnishing the full name and address of the gift, or gifts.

Second, That any information covering the full status of her gifts, including their name and address, shall be furnished the Association in each annual report.

11. The Finance Committee made the following report to the Association:

Contributions from the Churches	$131.40
Contribution from other sources	38.15
In the hands of the Clerk	5.00
Total funds available	$174.55
Recommendation for disbursements:	
For printing, postage, and mailing 1,000 copies of this Minute	$ 42.00
For water, ice, lights, lumber, and general expenses, as directed and paid by the Committee	31.00
For Clerk's fee	20.00
Left in the hand of the Clerk for contingent expenses	5.00
For visiting ministers for expenses	76.55
Total disbursements	$174.55

Moved that the Finance Committee's report be received and the Committee excused, which was agreed.

12. Moved that the Clerk have 1,000 copies of these Minutes printed and distributed with the Churches of our Association, and among Sister Associations with whom we correspond, which was agreed.

13. Whereas, our brethren have been well favored in preaching the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, and many have been blessed to hear and enjoy same, and now that our Association is drawing to a close, be it resolved:

(a) That we return thanks to God for the blessings enjoyed during this association;

(b) That we extend thanks to all our brethren, sisters, and friends who have shown kindness and hospitality in caring for our Association, and her friends;

(c) That the Association now stands adjourned to meet next year (1932) with the Church at McCray meeting house on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in July.

Resolved, further, that this Association extend special thanks to Mr. Edgar King, Manager of the Home Light Sales Agency, for the splendid lights furnished during this Session. Mr. King, the Manager of this Agency, has manifested a very fine spirit toward our people, having furnished the electric lights for every session for several years, which was so much needed and has been so much enjoyed. We tender to Mr. King not only the thanks of the Association for these courtesies, but wish for him a large measure of success in his business, and hope our people will not forget him.

MINISTERS

Elders in our Association and their addresses

Elder Frederick W. Keene, Raleigh, N. C., 501 Cleveland St.
Elder B. B. McKinney, Reidsville, N. C., Route No. 7.
Elder W. C. Jones, Burlington, North Carolina.
Elder J. W. Gilliam, Altamahaw, North Carolina, Route No. 1.
Elder B. F. McKinney, Hurdle Mills, North Carolina.
Elder W. C. King, Union Ridge, North Carolina, Route No. 1.
Elder J. P. Johnson, Danville, Virginia, Route No. 3.
Elder T. A. Stanfield, Reidsville, North Carolina, Route No. 7.
Elder M. B. Martin, Burlington, North Carolina, Route No. 2.
Elder John R. Smith, Reidsville, North Carolina, Route No. 5.

CORRESPONDING AND VISITING ELDERS AT THIS SESSION OF OUR ASSOCIATION

Little River: Elder E. L. Pierce.

Black Creek: Elders F. H. Hutchens, J. W. Wyatt, and S. B. Denny.

Fisher's River:

White Oak:

Mayo: Elders J. F. Spangler, D. V. Spangler, Jack Pullum, J. O. Pruitt, and W. B. Stadler.

Lower Country Line: Elders A. L. Holliway, Roy Monk, Cyrus Adams, and E. C. Oakes.

Pig River: Elders Randolph Purdue and J. F. Stigall.

Salem: Elders G. W. Hill, D. A. O'Briant, and G. M. Trent.

Staunton River: Elders W. R. Dodd and T. W. Walker.

PREACHING

The introductory sermon was preached by Elder T. A. Stanfield, from Isa. 22:20-25; followed by Elder B. F. McKinney, from no special text; followed by Elder B. B. McKinney, from Eph. 3:8.

Saturday Afternoon:

Elder H. B. Martin, Text: Matt. 3.

Elder H. F. Hutchens, Text: John 9:1-4.

Elder E. F. Pierce, Text: Psa. 77:19-20.

At 8:00 O'clock:

Elder Roy Monk, Text: Rom. 8:35.

Sunday Morning at 10:00 O'clock:

Elder J. F. Stigall, Text: "I will build up," &c.

Elder Randolph Purdue, Text: Rom. 8:28.

Elder J. F. Spangler, Text: Heb. 10:18.

At 2:00 P. M.:

Elder A. L. Holloway, Text: Rev. 7:14

Elder D. V. Spangler, Text: Rev. 21:9.
Elder J. W. Wyatt, Text, Psa. 118:6-7.
At 4:30 P. M.:
Elder S. B. Denny, Text: Rom. 8:18.
Elder W. B. Stadler, did not get his text.
Monday Morning at 10:30 O'clock:
Elder Joby Harris, Text: Matt. 18:1-6.
Elder D. A. O'Briant, Text: Isa. 40:1.
Elder G. W. Hill, no special text.
Elder W. R. Dodd spoke, no special text.
Elder F. W. Keene, Text: Exodus 25:21-22.
Elder M. B. Martin, Text: Zech. 13:7.

LIST OF CHURCHES AND ORDER OF ROTATION

List of the churches composing the Upper Country Line Primitive Baptist Association, with order of sessions since the Country Line Association divided into Upper and Lower Country Line Associations in 1906, as follows:

*McCray	1914-1932
Greensboro	1915
Dan River	1916
New Hope	1917
Moon's Creek	1918
Monticello	1919
Prospect Hill	1920
Wolf Island	1921
Bush Arbor	1922
Big Meadows	1923
Country Line	1924
Harmony	1925-1907
Reidsville	1926-1908
Gilliam's	1927-1909
Oak Grove	1928-1910
Lynches' Creek	1929-1911
Lick Fork	1930-1912
Pleasant Grove	1931-1913

*Appointed to be held next year.

MAILING LIST OF CHURCHES

	No. Minutes
Arbor—J. E. Simmons, Yanceyville, N. C., R. 2	60
Big Meadows—Elder W. C. Jones, Burlington, N. C.	25
Country Line—Elder W. C. King, Union Ridge, N. C.	15
Dan River—Mrs. L. K. Wilson, Ruffin, N. C., R. No. 3	40
Gilliam's—Elder J. W. Gilliam, Altamahaw, N. C., R. No. 1	70
Harmony—Mrs. T. W. Wilson, Cedar Grove, N. C.	30

Lick Fork—C. L. Saunders, Reidsville, N. C., R. No. 5 30
Lynches' Creek—William Warren, Corbett, N. C. 25
McCray—A. G. Porterfield, Burlington, N. C., R. No. 3 25
Moon's Creek—Mrs. J. W. Neal, Danville, Va., R. No. 5 10
Pleasant Grove—G. W. Walker, Reidsville, N. C., R. No. 7 50
Prospect Hill—W. D. Blalock, Prospect Hill, N. C. 50
Reidsville—E. R. Harris, Reidsville, N. C. 50
Wolf Island—J. R. Stone, Reidsville, N. C., R. No. 3 55
Oak Grove—Robt. H. Jones, Yanceyville, N. C., R. No. 1 20
New Hope—J. J. Somers, Reidsville, N. C., R. No. 6 50
Monticello—J. J. Lambeth, Elon College, N. C. 25
Greensboro—I. E. Neal, Greensboro, N. C. 38

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DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO ASSOCIATIONS

Bear Creek—J. W. Jones, Peachland, N. C. 20
Abbott's Creek—Ira F. Freeman, Steed, N. C. 18
Black Creek—Elder E. L. Cobb, Wilson, N. C. 18
Contentnea—H. L. Brake, Rocky Mount, N. C. 20
Fisher's River—Elder F. P. Stone, Francisco, N. C., No. 1 25
Kehukee—Elder B. S. Cowin, Williamston, N. C. 27
Little River—Eld. L. H. Stephenson, Wil'w Springs, N. C., R. 1.. 20
Mayo—Elder S. A. Thompson, Stuart, Va. 20
New River—Elder J. M. Dickinson, Floyd, Va. 20
Salem—W. L. Teague, Winston-Salem, N. C. 18
Smith's River—Elder J. D. Cockram, Stuart, Va. 18
Staunton River—R. L. Dodson, 147 Broad St., Danville, Va..... 18
Lower Country Line—J. H. Gooch, Stem, N. C. 20
White Oak—Elder L. E. Bryant, R. 1, Beulahville, N. C..... 20
Pig River—Elder E. L. Blankenship, Boon's Mill, Va. 15
Seven Mile—Elder L. A. Johnson, Benson, N. C. 15
Mill Branch—W. C. Brown, Tabor, N. C..... 20
Durham (Col.)—Bro. Joe Graves, Reidsville, N. C., R. 5 20

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ARTICLES OF FAITH

We, the messengers of the several churches composing the Upper Country Line Association, agree, for the satisfaction of our brethren and friends, to publish an abstract of the principles of faith upon which we unite and will endeavor with the help of the Lord to maintain.

1. We believe in the being of God as Almighty, Eternal, Unchangeable, of infinite wisdom, power, justice, holiness, goodness, mercy and truth, and that this God has revealed Himself in His Word, under the character of Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

2. We believe that Almighty God has made known His mind and will to the children of men in His Word which Word we believe to be of divine authority and contains all things necessary to be known for the salvation of man. The same is comprehended or contained in the books of the Old and New Testaments.

3. We believe that God before the foundation of the world, for a purpose of his own glory, did elect a certain number of men and angels to eternal life, and that this election is particular, eternal and unconditional on the creature's part.

4. We believe that when God made man he was good and upright, but by his own transgression he fell from that good and upright state, and being the head and representative of the whole human race, they being his natural offspring, he involved all of them in the same ruined state with himself, and they were partakers of, and exposed to, the miseries which sprang from his disobedience.

5. We believe that it is utterly out of the power of man as a fallen creature to keep the law of God perfectly, or to truly repent of his sins, or believe in Christ, except he be drawn by the Holy Spirit.

6. We believe in God's own appointed time and way the elect will be called, justified, pardoned and sanctified, and that it is impossible that they utterly refuse the call; but shall be willing by divine grace to receive mercy.

7. We believe that justification in the sight of God is only by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ, received and applied by faith.

8. We believe that God's elect will be converted and born again by the effectual working of the Holy Spirit.

9. We believe that all God's children are called by grace and born again by the effectual working of the Holy Spirit.

10. We believe it to be a duty incumbent on all God's people to walk religiously in all good works, not in the old covenant way of seeking life and the favor of the Lord by it, but only as a duty from a principle of love.

11. We believe baptism by immersion, and the Lord's supper are gospel ordinances, both belonging to the converted or true believer.

12. We believe that every church is independent in matters of discipline and that associations, councils and conferences of ministers or churches, are not to impose on the church, the keeping, holding or maintaining of any principle or practice contrary to the church's judgment.

13. We believe in the general resurrection of the dead, both of the just and the unjust, and final judgment.

14. We believe the punishment of the wicked is everlasting and the joys of the righteous eternal.

15. We believe that no minister has a right to administer the ordinances unless called and comes under the imposition of hands by the presbytery.

16. Lastly, we believe that for the mutual comfort, union and satisfaction of the several churches of the aforesaid faith and order, we ought to meet in an association capacity wherein each church ought to be represented by the messengers to advise with each other in conference.

RULES OF DECORUM

1. The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

2. Only one person shall speak at a time, who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator in the beginning of his speech.

3. Every brother speaking shall adhere strictly to the subject under consideration and shall in no way reflect on any other brother.

4. No messenger shall absent himself from the Association while in conference without permission.

5. No messenger shall speak more than three times on the same subject without permission from the Association.

6. Messengers shall keep strict order while the business of the Association is being transacted.

7. No messengers shall be interrupted while speaking, unless he violates the rules of this decorum.

8. No messengers shall address another in any other term or appellation other than the title of brother.

9. The names of the members composing the Association shall be enrolled by the clerk and called over as often as the Association requires.

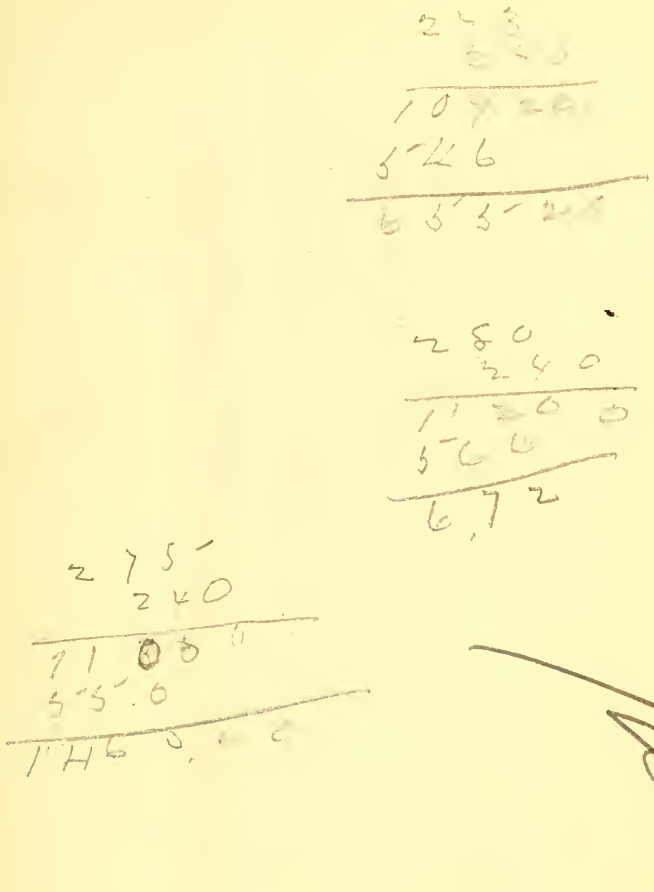
10. The Moderator shall not speak on any question before the Association until all the other messengers are through speaking, when he may give his views, after any messenger, having a right to speak, may reply to any new matter introduced by the Moderator.

11. Any member who shall violate any of the rules of the Association shall be dealt with by the Association as it deems proper.

STATISTICAL TABLE

Churches	Names of Messengers	Contri. by Chs.	Rec'd by E. & B.	Rec'd by Letter	Restored to Fel.	Increase Totals	Dis. by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Decrease Totals	No in Fel.
Bush Arbor	Eld. W. C. King, W. A. McKinney, and J. E. Simmons	$ 23.50	3			3					47
Big Meadows	Eld. W. C. Jones, S. S. Jones, and H. Crutchfield	2.50							3	3	7
Country Line	Represented by Brother W. A. McKinney	5.10									5
Dan River	W. G. Dix, T. W. Rice, A. L. French, and Wade Carroll	5.00	4	1	1	6	1		3	4	44
Gilliam's	Eld. J. W. Gilliam, L. J. Saunders, and J. S. Blalock	11.00	3			3	1			1	29
Harmony	Sisters Wilson and Daniels	1.60						1		1	8
Lick Fork	Sister Kate Hooper, Bro. C. L. Saunders, and Eld. J. R. Smith	8.00							1	1	20
Lynches' Creek	Brother Wm. Warren	4.00									4
McCray	*A. G. Porterfield, *Robert Cates, and *Sister Aldridge	15.00									9
Moon's Creek	Sisters Ben Hodges and Belle Neal	1.00									3
Oak Grove	Brothers R. H. Jones and R. A. Poteat	2.00		2		2					8
Pleasant Grove	Eld. T. A. Stanfield, H. W. Ware, and G. W. Walker	13.00	2			2					48
Prospect Hill	W. D. Blalock, H. T. Oakley, and W. D. Burch	5.50							1	1	22
Reidsville	E. R. Harris, J. W. Mansfield, and Charles Delaney	12.75		1		1					27
Wolf Island	J. W. Delaney, Wm. Smith, and J. H. Dye	4.50									38
New Hope	J. J. Somers and Geo. R. Robertson	3.95	1		1	2					14
Monticello	H. W., J. J., and W. D. Lambeth	6.00									17
Greensboro	I. E. Neal, L. A. Walker, and J. T. Cobb	7.00	1			1			2	2	37
	Totals	$131.40	14	4	2	20	2	1	10	13	387

*Absentees marked.



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MINUTES

OF THE

TWENTY-SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

UPPER COUNTRY LINE PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH THE CHURCH

AT

McCRAY, ALAMANCE COUNTY,
NORTH CAROLINA

July 23, 24 and 25, 1932

OFFICERS

ELDER B. F. McKINNEY, Moderator.....Burlington, N. C., Route 3
ELDER J. W. GILLIAM, Association Clerk.....Altamahaw, N. C.
ELDER T. A. STANFIELD, Assistant Clerk.....Reidsville, N. C.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE UPPER COUNTRY LINE ASSOCIATION—1932

1. The introductory sermon was preached by Elder W. C. King, from 1st Cor. 3:11 verse; followed by Elder B. F. McKinney.

2. After an intermission for dinner, the association convened, and after praise and prayer by Elder Randolph Purdue, proceeded to business.

(a) Moved that the Clerk call the roll of the churches, that the letters from the several churches be brought forward in the order called, and all absentees marked, which was agreed. Note: Absentees marked (*) in the statistical table.

(b) Moved that we elect a Moderator for this Session, which was agreed, and Elder B. F. McKinney was put in nomination and elected.

(c) Moved that the Committee on Arrangements shall consist of the Moderator, the Association Clerk, the Assistant Clerk, and the Messengers from McCray Church, which was agreed.

(d) Moved that the Moderator appoint any necessary committees, which was agreed, and the Moderator appointed a Committee on Finance, the Committee being made up of the following brethren, to-wit: Brother A. H. D. King, Brother J. D. Simmons, and Elder W. C. King.

3. Motion: Moved that the Moderator call for Petitionary Letters, which was done, and none received.

4. Correspondence from sister Associations called for, and invited to take seats with us, whereupon the following were seated, to-wit: Little River: Minutes—Elder E. F. Pearce, Elder E. C. Jones, C. O. Langdon, and Elder Floyd Adams.

Black Creek: Minutes—Elders J. T. Collier, H. F. Hutchens, and Brother W. H. Burch.

Mayo: Minutes—Elders J. F. and D. V. Spangler, J. P. Pullam, and J. O. Pruitt; also Brothers Stowe and others.

Kehukee: Minutes—(Correspondence by Minutes only).

Lower Country Line: Minutes—Elders E. C. Oakes, Roy Monk; Brothers W. E. Snipes, F. D. Long, J. M. O'Briant, A. P. Clayton, and others.

Abbott's Creek: Minutes—Brothers A. L. Wright and O. R. Hilliard.

Contentnea: Minutes only.

Pig River: Minutes—Elders Randolph Purdue, J. F. Stigall, and John Woods; also Brother H. M. Lawrence and others.

Smith's River: Minutes only.

Staunton River: Minutes only.

Visitors: Elders S. J. Pretty and H. V. Snow, of West Virginia.

New River: Minutes only.

Salem: Minutes—Elders D. A. O'Briant and G. W. Hill; Brothers W. L. Teague and J. M. Dennis, and others.

Fisher's River: Minutes—Elder J. S. Morrison.

White Oak: Minutes—Elders W. W. Roberts and E. F. Pollard; also Brother Quinn and others.

Represented by Minutes only: Mill Branch, Baltimore, Seven Mile, Zion, Bear Creek, and Durham Association—(Colored).

5. The Letters from our churches were read and are recorded in our statistical table.

On motion, the articles submitted in the Address to our 1931 Session, convened with the Church at Pleasant Grove in Caswell County, and submitted to the Churches for their approval. (For full text of Address see pages 2-6 of 1931 Minutes—address submitted by Elder J. W. Gilliam, and on motion by Deacon E. R. Harris of Reidsville Church, said address was referred to our Churches for approval, and approved by a majority of our Churches) is hereby ordered inserted, to constitute a part of our Articles of Faith, and that insertion shall begin on page 4, line 17, taking the last three words in this line, beginning with the word "our", and continuing to close of said address, see Minutes 1931, which was agreed.

6. Moved that the Association adjourn to meet again Monday morning, July 25, 1932, at 9:00 o'clock, which was agreed.

Signed: ELDER B. F. McKINNEY, Moderator.
ELDER J. W. GILLIAM, JR., Association Clerk.
ELDER T. A. STANFIELD, Assistant Asso. Clerk.

MONDAY MORNING, JULY 25, 1932, AT 9:00 O'CLOCK

7. The Association met according to appointment, and after praise and prayer by Elder G. W. Hill of the Salem Association, proceeded to business.

8. The Messengers, who were appointed last year to visit sister Associations, were called upon for a report. All reports were carefully noted, and those who could not attend were excused.

9. Messengers taking appointment to visit corresponding Associations at their next sitting are as follows:

Little River: Minutes—Elders F. W. Keene and M. B. Martin.

Black Creek: Minutes—Elders T. A. Stanfield, F. W. Keene, and W. C. King.

Fisher's River: Minutes—

White Oak: Minutes—Elders M. B. Martin and F. W. Keene.

Mayo: Minutes—Brothers W. T. Rice, G. W. Dix, and Elder John R. Smith.

Lower Country Line: Minutes—Elders W. C. King, John R. Smith, M. B. Martin, W. C. Jones, and others.

Abbott's Creek: Minutes—Elder J. W. Gilliam.

Pig River: Minutes—Elders Gilliam, Stanfield, Smith, and Brothers Dix and Rice.

Smith River: Minutes—Elder J. W. Gilliam.

New River: Minutes—Elder J. W. Gilliam.

Staunton River: Minutes—Elders F. W. Keene, Smith, Brothers Rice and Dix.

Mill Branch: Minutes—Elder F. W. Keene.

Contentnea: Minutes—Elder T. A. Stanfield.

Salem: Minutes—Elders Gilliam, W. C. Jones and F. W. Keene, Brothers Dix and Rice, and Elder John R. Smith.

Represented by Minutes only: Kehukee, Baltimore, Seven Miles, Durham, (Colored).

10. On motion it was agreed that our next Association be held with the Church at Greensboro, Guilford County, North Carolina, to begin at 10:00 o'clock on Saturday before the Fourth Sunday in July, 1933, and continue three days. Elder W. C. King was requested to preach the introductory sermon, and Elder T. A. Stanfield was requested to be his alternate.

On motion it was agreed to insert the following Letter of Correspondence, to-wit:

The Upper Country Line Primitive Baptist Association, now convened with the Church at McCray meeting house, in Alamance County, North Carolina, on the 23rd, 24th and 25th of July, 1932, doth send greetings and Christian salutations to our sister Associations and Meetings with whom we correspond. Our Churches have all reported that peace and fellowship reigns in our midst, for which we feel to thank the Lord. We stand on the ancient doctrines of the Church, and would not remove the landmarks our fathers have set. We believe that our God is the same yesterday, today, and forever, and we join with the Psalmist in saying, "All thy works shall praise thee, O Lord, and thy saints shall bless thee." Our God is of one mind, and who can turn Him, saying, as I have thought so shall it come to pass, and as I have purposed so shall it stand. Again

He says, My word shall not return unto me void, and where the word of a King is, there is power. The Scriptures tell us, that He doeth His will in the Army of Heaven and among the inhabitants of the earth. We believe that He sits on no precarious throne, nor borrows leave to be, and we are ready to say with the Apostle, For we know that all things work together for good to them who love God, who are the called according to His purpose. We believe that the Grace of God never fails in the accomplishment of His will, and we have no compromise to make with the doctrines of conditionalism. We commend these sacred truths to you, and may the God of all our mercies make our correspondence a blessing to each of us.

Our next Session will be held with the Church in Greensboro, Guilford County, North Carolina, beginning on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in July, 1933, and continue three days at which time we hope to receive your corrspondence again.

ELDER B. F. McKINNEY, Moderator.
ELDER J. W. GILLIAM, Association Clerk.

11. The Finance Committee made the following report to the Association:

Contributions from the Churches	$ 97.82
Contributions from other sources	24.30
In the hands of the Clerk	4.00
Total funds available	$126.12

Recommendation for disbursements:

For printing, postage, and mailing 1,000 copies of this Minutes	$ 37.50
For water, ice, lights, and general expense	24.00
For Clerk's fee	20.00
Left in the hands of the Clerk for contingent expenses	4.00
For visiting ministers, their expenses in traveling	40.62
Total disbursements	$126.12

Moved that the Finance Committee's report be received and the Committee excused, which was agreed.

12. Moved that the Clerk have 1,000 copies of these Minutes printed and distributed with the Churches of our Association, and among Sister Associations with whom we correspond, which was agreed.

13. Whereas, our brethren have been well favored in preaching the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, and many have been blessed to hear and enjoy same, and now that our Association is drawing to a close, be it resolved:

(a) That we return thanks to God for the blessings enjoyed during this Association;

(b) That we extend thanks to all our brethren, sisters, and friends who have shown kindness and hospitality in caring for our Association and her friends;

(b-2) Resolved that the Association go on record in this Minute with a special note of thanks to the Smith-Duglass Co., Inc., Danville, Va., for trucks and hands to haul water to the Association, and that a special letter of appreciation be written them by our Association Clerk, which was agreed.

(c) That the Association now stands adjourned to meet next year (1933) with the Church in Greensboro, Guilford County, on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in July.

"A STANDING REQUEST"

First. That any Church composing the Upper Country Line Association who has one or more ministerial gifts whom she has liberated to the exercise of his gift shall report same to the Association, furnishing the full name and address of the gift, or gifts.

Second, That any information covering the full status of her gifts, including their name and address, shall be furnished the Association in each annual report.

CORRESPONDING AND VISITING ELDERS AT THIS SESSION OF OUR ASSOCIATION

Little River: Elders E. F. Pearce, E. C. Jones, and Floyd Adams.

Black Creek: Elders H. F. Hutchens and J. T. Collier.

White Oak: Elders W. W. Roberts and E. F. Pollard.

Mayo: Elders J. F. and D. V. Spangler, H. C. Freeman, Jack Pullam, J. A. Ward, W. B. Stadler, and J. O. Pruitt.

Fisher's River: Elder J. S. Morrison.

Lower Country Line: Elders E. C. Oakes and W. R. Monk.

Pig River: Elders J. F. Stigall, Randolph Purdue, and John Woods.

Salem: Elders G. W. Hill and D. A. O'Briant.

New River: Elder Golden Harris.

From West Virginia, as Visitors: Elder S. J. Pretty and H. V. Snow.

PREACHING

The introductory sermon was preached by Elder W. C. King, from 1st Cor. 3:11; followed by Elder B. F. McKinney, 2nd Tim. 2:19; followed by Elder J. W. Gilliam, Isa. 46:9-10.

Saturday Afternoon:

Elder J. A. Ward, Text: Matt. 16:18; Elder E. F. Pollard, Text: Matt. 28:19; Elder J. T. Collier, no special text; Elder H. V. Snow, no special text.

At 5 P. M.:

Elder E. C. Jones, text: 2nd Cor. 12:9.

At 8 P. M.:

Elder S. J. Pretty, Isa. 55:11; Elder W. R. Monk, text from Revelations.

Sunday Morning—At 10 O'clock:

Elder Randolph Purdue, no special text; J. F. Stigall, text: 2nd Cor. 4:1-10; Elder E. F. Pearce, text, no special text; closed with a few remarks from Elder John Woods.

At 2 P. M.:

Elder D. V. Spangler, text: 1st Cor. 13th chapter; Elder J. F. Spangler, text: Acts 13:37; Elder J. W. Wyatt, text: 1st Sam. 26:31. Elder D. A. O'Briant was appointed to follow, but closed with a few remarks.

At 5 P. M.:

Elder W. W. Roberts, text: Heb. 10:31; Elder J. S. Morrison, text: Mark 14:50.

At 8 O'clock:

Elder E. C. Oakes—did not get text; Elder M. B. Martin, did not get text.

Monday Morning at 10 O'clock:

Elder H. F. Hutchens, text: Job. 14:13-14; Elder G. W. Hill, text: Isa. 26:12; Elder Floyd Adams, text: Mark 16:15-18; Elder J. O. Pruitt, text: Jonah 2:2.

LIST OF CHURCHES AND ORDER OF ROTATION

List of the churches composing the Upper Country Line Primitive Baptist Association, with order of the Sessions since the Country

Line Association divided into Upper and Lower Country Line Associations in 1906, as follows:

*Greensboro	1915-1933
Dan River	1916
New Hope	1917
Moon's Creek	1918
Monticello	1919
Prospect Hill	1920
Wolf Island	1921
Bush Arbor	1922
Big Meadows	1923
Country Line	1924
Harmony	1925-1907
Reidsville	1926-1908
Gilliam's	1927-1909
Oak Grove	1928-1910
Lynches Creek	1929-1911
Lick Fork	1930-1912
Pleasant Grove	1931-1913
McCray	1932-1914

*Appointed to be held next year.

MAILING LIST OF CHURCHES

	No. Minutes
Arbor—J. E. Simmons, Yanceyville, N. C., Route 2	60
Big Meadows—Elder W. C. Jones, Burlington, N. C.	25
Country Line—Dot King, Yanceyville, N. C., Route 2	15
Dan River—Mrs. L. K. Wilson, Ruffin, N. C., Route 3	40
Gilliam's—Elder J. W. Gilliam, Altamahaw, N. C., Route 1	70
Harmony—Mrs. T. W. Wilson, Cedar Grove, N. C.	30
Lick Fork—C. L. Saunders, Reidsville, N. C., Route 5	30
Lynches' Creek—William Warren, Corbett, N. C.	25
McCray—A. G. Porterfield, Burlington, N. C., Route 3	25
Moon's Creek—Mrs. J. W. Neal, Danville, Va., Route 5	10
Pleasant Grove—G. W. Walker, Reidsville, N. C., Route 7	50
Prospect Hill—W. D. Blalock, Prospect Hill, N. C.	50

Reidsville—E. R. Harris, Reidsville, N. C. 50
Wolf Island—J. R. Stone, Reidsville, N. C., Route 3 55
Oak Grove—Robt. H. Jones, Yanceyville, N. C., Route 1 20
New Hope—J. J. Somers, Reidsville, N. C., Route 6 50
Monticello—J. J. Lambeth, Elon College, N. C. 25
Greensboro—I. E. Neal, Greensboro, N. C. 38

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DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO ASSOCIATIONS

Bear Creek—J. W. Jones, Peachland, N. C. 20
Abbott's Creek—Ira F. Freeman, Steed, N. C. 18
Black Creek—Elder E. L. Cobb, Wilson, N. C. 18
Contentnea—H. L. Brake, Rocky Mount, N. C. 20
Fisher's River—Elder F. P. Stone, Francisco, N. C., Route 1.... 25
Kehukee—Elder B. S. Cowin, Williamston, N. C. 27
Little River—Eld. L. H. Stephenson, Wil'w Springs, N. C., Route 1 20
Mayo—Elder S. A. Thompson, Stuart, Va. 20
New River—Elder Golden Harris, Indian Valley, Va..... 20
Salem—W. L. Teague, Winston-Salem, N. C. 18
Smith's River—Elder J. D. Cockram, Stuart, Va. 18
Staunton River—R. L. Dodson, 147 Broad St., Danville, Va..... 18
Lower Country Line—J. H. Gooch, Stem, N. C. 20
White Oak—Elder L. E. Bryant, Route 1, Beulahville, N. C..... 20
Pig River—Elder E. L. Blankenship, Boon's Mill, Va..... 15
Seven Miles—Elder L. A. Johnson, Benson, N. C..... 15
Mill Branch—M. Mears, Tabor, N. C. 20
Durham (Col.)—Bro. Joe Graves, Reidsville, N. C., Route 5 20

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ARTICLES OF FAITH

We, the messengers of the several churches composing the Upper Country Line Association, agree, for the satisfaction of our brethren and friends, to publish an abstract of the principles of faith upon which we unite and will endeavor with the help of the Lord to maintain.

1. We believe in the being of God as Almighty, Eternal, Unchangeable, of infinite wisdom, power, justice, holiness, goodness, mercy and truth, and that this God has revealed Himself in His Word, under the character of Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

2. We believe that Almighty God has made known His mind and will to the children of men in His word which Word we believe to be of divine authority and contains all things necessary to be known for the salvation of man. The same is comprehended or contained in the books of the Old and New Testaments.

3. We believe that God before the foundation of the world, for a purpose of his own glory, did elect a certain number of men and angels to eternal life, and that this election is particular, eternal and unconditional on the creature's part.

4. We believe that when God made man he was good and upright, but by his own transgression he fell from that good and upright state, and being the head and representative of the whole human race, they being his natural offspring, he involved all of them in the same ruined state with himself, and they were partakers of, and exposed to, the miseries which sprang from his disobedience.

5. We believe that it is utterly out of the power of man as a fallen creature to keep the law of God perfectly, or to truly repent of his sins, or believe in Christ, except he be drawn by the Holy Spirit.

6. We believe in God's own appointed time and way the elect will be called, justified, pardoned and sanctified, and that it is impossible that they utterly refuse the call; but shall be willing by divine grace to receive mercy.

7. We believe that justification in the sight of God is only by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ, received and applied by faith.

8. We believe that God's elect will be converted and born again by the effectual working of the Holy Spirit.

9. We believe that all God's children are called by grace and born again by the effectual working of the Holy Spirit.

10. We believe it to be a duty incumbent on all God's people to walk religiously in all good works, not in the old covenant way

of seeking life and the favor of the Lord by it, but only as a duty from a principle of love.

11. We believe baptism by immersion, and the Lord's supper are gospel ordinances, both belonging to the converted or true believer.

12. We believe that every church is independent in matters of discipline and that associations, councils and conferences of ministers or churches, are not to impose on the church, the keeping, holding or maintaining of any principle or practice contrary to the church's judgment.

13. We believe in the general resurrection of the dead, both of the just and the unjust, and final judgment.

14. We believe the punishment of the wicked is everlasting and the joys of the righteous eternal.

15. We believe that no minister has a right to administer the ordinances unless called and comes under the imposition of hands by the presbytery.

16. Lastly, we believe that for the mutual comfort, union and satisfaction of the several churches of the aforesaid faith and order, we ought to meet in an association capacity wherein each church ought to be represented by the messengers to advise with each other in conference.

EXPOSITION OF THE DOCTRINE

An Exposition of the Doctrine relating to God's Decree, His Purpose, Predestination, Providence, Good Works, and Obedience, as approved by a majority of our Churches in the Upper Country Line Association in their Church Conferences in 1932, and now authorized, forms or constitutes a part of the Articles of Faith of this Association, as follows to-wit:

Our position and contention on certain controverted questions of doctrine disturbing many of our people at this time is as follows: London Confession, Chapter three, of God's decree, section one, "God hath (Isa. 46:10; Eph. 1:11; Heb. 6:17; Rom. 9:15, 18) decreed in Himself from all eternity, by the most wise and holy counsel of His will, freely and unchangeably, all things whatsoever come to pass; yet so as thereby is God neither the author of sin (James 1:15, 17; 1 John 1:5), nor hath fellowship with any therein; nor is violence offered to the will of the creature, nor yet is the liberty or contingency of second causes taken away, but rather (Acts 4:27, 28; John 19:11) established, in which appears His wisdom in disposing all things, and power and faithfulness (Num. 23:19; Eph. 1:3-5) in accomplishing His decree; section two, "Although God knoweth

whatsoever may or can come to pass upon all (Acts 15:18) supposed conditions, yet hath He not decreed anything (Rom. 9:11, 13, 16, 18), because he foresaw it as future, or as that which would come to pass upon such conditions''; Chapter five, Divine Providence, section one, ''God, the Creator of all things, in His infinite power and wisdom, doth (Heb. 1:3; Job. 38:11; Isa. 46:10-11; Psa. 13:5-6) uphold, direct, dispose and govern all creatures and things, from the greatest even to the (Matt. 10:26, 30, 31) least, by Hs most wise and holy providence, to the end for which they were created, according unto His infallible fore-knowledge and the free and immutable counsel of His (Eph. 1:11) own will; to the praise of the glory of His wisdom, power, justice, infinite goodness and mercy''; second, ''Although in relation to the foreknowledge and decree of God, the first cause, all things come to pass (Acts 2:23) immutably and infallibly, so that there is not anything befalls any (Prov. 16:23) by chance or without His providence; yet by the same providence he ordereth them to fall out according to the nature of second causes, either (Gen. 8:22) necessarily, freely or contingently''; thirdly, ''God in His ordinary providence (Acts 27, 31, 44; Isa. 55:10, 11) maketh use of means; yet is free (Hosea 1:7) to work without (Rom. 4:19, 21), above and (Daniel 3:27) against them at His pleasure''; fourthly, ''The Almighty power, unsearchable wisdom and infinite goodness of God so far manifest themselves in His providence, that His determinate counsel (Rom. 11:32-34; 2 Sam. 24:1; 1 Chron. 21:1) extendeth itself even to the first fall, and all other sinful actions both of angels and men (and that not by a bare permission); which also He most wisely and powerfully (2 Kings 19:28; Psa. 76:10) boundeth, and otherwise ordereth and governeth, in a manifold dispensation to His most holy (Gen. 1:20; Isa. 10:6, 7, 12) ends; yet so as the sinfulness of their acts proceedeth only from the creatures, and not from God, who being most holy and righteous, neither is nor can be the author or (Psa. 1:21; John 2:16) approver of sin; * * * * * Of Good Works, Chapter 16, section one, Good works are only such as God hath (Micah 6:8; Heb. 13:21) commanded in His holy word, and not such as without the warrant thereof are devised by men, out of blind zeal (Matt. 15:9; Isa. 19:13), or upon any pretense of good intentions. N. B. (We believe that God has wrought all the works of His children in them (Isa. 26:12), and they as His workmanship, are created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that they should walk in them (Eph. 2:10), and that their ability to do good works is not of themselves, but wholly of the spirit, and according as God works in them both to will and to do of His own good pleasure (Phil. 2:13), and that as the branches are in the vine, so are His children in Him, and have their fruits unto

holiness and the end everlasting life (Rom. 6:22), and that it is of God that His children are in Christ, who, of God, is made unto them, wisdom, righteousness, sanctification, and redemption, and hence God not only puts them in this way, which is Christ, but they are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time (1 Peter 1:5), and "that the perseverance of the saints depends not upon their own free will, but upon the immutability of the decree of (Rom. 8:30; Rom. 9:11, 16) election, flowing from the free and unchangeable love of God the Father, upon the efficacy of the merit and intercession of Jesus Christ (Rom. 5:9, 10; John 14:19) and union with Him, the (Heb. 6:17, 18) oath of God, the abiding of His Spirit and the (1 John 3:9) seed of God within them, and the nature of the (Jer. 22:40) covenant of grace, from all which ariseth also the certainty and infallibility thereof", and in our conclusion, join with Elder Hassell in saying that, "while the sinner has destroyed himself, all his salvation, from first to last, is of the pure, unmerited, almighty and unchanging grace of God." —H. History, Page 942.

Now, upon the subject of obedience, our faith lays hold on Christ Jesus, the Saviour of sinners—the obedient one, for strength and every necessary help in time of need, confessing that of myself I can do nothing, but all things through Christ that strengtheneth me. When God works the will, He, also works the strength, and obedience always follows. David said unto the Lord, When thou saidst, Seek ye my face; my heart said unto thee, Thy face, Lord, will I seek (Psa. 27:8), and again, Paul declares, having received grace and apostleship, for obedience to the faith among all nations (Rom. 1:5), his obedience, saying, So, as much as in me is, I am ready to preach the gospel to you that are at Rome also (Rom. 1:15), and we believe, as God has said, My word shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereunto I send it (Isa. 55:11); and when Jesus was exceedingly sorrowful, even unto death, we hear his words, O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as thou wilt (Matt. 26:39); hence, concerning His people (the children of obedience) He says, Thy people shall be willing in the day of thy power (Psa. 110:3), and all the promises of God in him are yea, and in him Amen, unto the glory of God by us (2 Cor. 1:20). All obedience is based on love—God's love toward us, which causes our love toward Him, and with His mind in us, His will and pleasure becomes our will and pleasure—acquiescence,—obedience.

Submitted by Elder J. W. Gilliam.

RULES OF DECORUM

1. The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

2. Only one person shall speak at a time, who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator in the beginning of his speech.

3. Every brother speaking shall adhere strictly to the subject under consideration and shall in no way reflect on any other brother.

4. No messenger shall absent himself from the Association while in conference without permission.

5. No messenger shall speak more than three times on the same subject without permission from the Association.

6. Messengers shall keep strict order while the business of the Association is being transacted.

7. No messengers shall be interrupted while speaking, unless he violates the rules of this decorum.

8. No messengers shall address another in any other term or appellation other than the title of brother.

9. The names of the members composing the Association shall be enrolled by the clerk and called over as often as the Association requires.

10. The Moderator shall not speak on any question before the Association until all the other messengers are through speaking, when he may give his views, after any messenger, having a right to speak, may reply to any new matter introduced by the Moderator.

11. Any member who shall violate any of the rules of the Association shall be dealt with by the Association as it deems proper.

STATISTICAL TABLE

Churches	Names of Messengers	Contrib. by Chs.	Rec. by E. and B.	Rec. by Letter	Restored to Fel.	Increase Total	Dis. by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Decrease Total	No. in Fellowship
Arbor	Eld. W. C. King, Bro. W. A. McKinney and J. D. Simmons	15.22	13	....	....	13	....	1	2	3	57
Big Meadows	Eld. W. C. Jones, Hampton Crutchfield, and S. S. Jones	2.50	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	18
Country Line	Bros. A. H. D. King, A. P. Dabbs, and A. H. Oakley	1.50	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	33
Dan River	W. G. Dix, T. W. Rice, Ben Wade*, and H. T. Weatherford	5.00	5	1	....	6	....	1	1	2	48
Gilliam's	T. W. Saunders, G. L. Rudd, J. S. Blalock, Alt. J. W. Gilliam	6.00	2	....	....	2	....	....	....	....	31
Harmony	Mrs. W. T. Wilson and Mrs. W. J. Daniels	1.50	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	8
Lick Fork	Elder J. R. Smith, C. L. Saunders, and W. A. Perkins	6.75	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	20
Lynches' Creek	Brother William Warren	3.00	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	1	3
McCray	A. G. Porterfield, Robert Cates, and Sister Lula Aldridge	11.90	....	1	....	1	....	....	....	....	10
Moon's Creek	Sisters Hodges* and Belle Neal	1.00	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	3
Oak Grove	Letter, but no messengers named	1.00	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	8
Pleasant Grove	Eld. T. A. Stanfield, G. W. Walker, H. W. Ware*, S. L. Gwyn	6.60	1	2	....	3	1	....	1	2	49
Prospect Hill	W. D. Blalock, W. D. Burch, S. M. Pulliam, H. T. Oakley	5.75	....	2	2	3	2	....	1	1	53
Reidsville	E. R. Harris, J. W. Morefield, and Sister Sallie Bennett	10.75	1	....	....	1	....	....	....	....	28
Wolf Island	R. A. Smith, J. R. Stone, W. S. Smith, J. H. Dye, Alternate	4.00	2	....	....	2	....	....	2	2	28
New Hope	J. J. Somers*, George R. Robertson, and Sister Martin	2.75	....	....	1	1	....	....	....	....	14
Monticello	J. J. Lambeth, H. W. Lambeth*, and W. D. Lambeth	3.60	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	1	16
Greensboro	Sister Rena Briggs, Brother and Sister Neal	9.00	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	1	36
	Totals	$ 97.82	22	6	1	31	1	2	10	13	402

*Absentees marked.

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MINUTES

OF THE

TWENTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

UPPER COUNTRY LINE PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH THE CHURCH

AT

GREENSBORO, GUILFORD COUNTY

NORTH CAROLINA

July 22, 23 and 24, 1933

THE 1934 SESSION WILL BE HELD (D. V.) WITH THE CHURCH AT DAN RIVER, IN ROCKINGHAM COUNTY JULY 22nd, 23rd and 24th.

OFFICERS

ELDER W. C. KING, Moderator	Union Ridge, N. C.
ELDER J. W. GILLIAM, Association Clerk,	Altamahaw, N. C.
ELDER T. A. STANFIELD, Assistant Clerk	Reidsville, N. C.

THE FLOWERS COLLECT

PROCEEDINGS OF THE UPPER COUNTRY LINE ASSOCIATION—1933

1. The introductory sermon was preached by Elder W. C. King, from Phillip 2:12-17; followed by Elder T. A. Stanfield, from Acts 10:13 verse; followed by Elder F. W. Keene, Songs of Solomon 8:5.

2. After an intermission for dinner, the association convened, and after praise and prayer by Elder D. V. Spangler, proceeded to business.

(a) Moved that the Clerk call the roll of the churches, that the letters from the several churches be brought forward in the order called, and all absentees marked, which was agreed. Note: Absentees marked (*) in the statistical table.

(b) Upon motion to elect a Moderator, it was agreed that the Church entertaining the Association should choose the Moderator, who shall be a regularly ordained Elder of this Association. This change in method of electing Moderators is intended to provide opportunity by the different Churches to use their own Pastors, or in case they have no regular Pastor, or are being served by an Elder who is member of a Sister Association, then that Church may select a Moderator from among the Elders of this Association, which was agreed. Elder W. C. King was chosen to preside at this Session.

(c) Moved that the Committee on Arrangements shall consist of the Moderator, the Association Clerk, the Assistant Clerk, and the Messengers from Greensboro Church, which was agreed.

(d) Moved that the Moderator appoint any necessary committees, which was agreed, and the Moderator appointed a Committee on Finance, the Committee being made up of the following brethren, to-wit: Brethren I. E. Neal, W. D. Lambeth and J. D. Simmons.

3. Motion: Moved that the Moderator call for Petitionary Letters, which was done, and none received.

Moved, That the Upper Country Line Association suspend correspondence with all sister Associations that have dropped correspondence with us, which was agreed.

Moved, That the Upper Country Line Association drop from her list of correspondence the Mayo Association, which disbanded and came to a close at her October Session, 1932, which was agreed.

Moved, That the Upper Country Line seat messengers from the Lower Mayo, and that correspondence with the Lower Mayo be taken up at this Session, which was agreed.

Resolved, That we suspend correspondence for the present with all Associations that are divided, which was agreed.

"WE ENTER OUR PROTEST"

We note with serious regret a tendency among our Sister Associations to drop Correspondence with all Associations. We believe

that such tendency will destroy orderly correspondence, and will mark out the way to disintegrate into small factions, the loss of identity and respect among the great body of orderly Associations, and constitutes nothing less than criticism on orderly correspondence. We see nothing to be gained by such a course, but much to be lost. When any Church or Association raises bars against the principles, order, and doctrine of the Old Baptist Church, correspondence should cease until they set their house in order. The identity of our Church is in the doctrine and order of our Church, and such identity will not shine forth when mixed with heresy and disorder. Those in the doctrine and order of the Church do not wish to sit with those in open opposition to the same, and Churches and Associations trying to entertain both sides will, no doubt, soon find their orderly correspondence will quit them. Why not stand on order and doctrine—they go hand-in-hand, and there is nothing else worth standing for.

By the Clerk.

Adopted.

4. Correspondence from sister Associations called for, and invited to take seats with us, whereupon the following were seated, to-wit:

Little River: Minutes.

Black Creek: Minutes—Elders E. L. Cobb and S. B. Denny and Brother W. H. Burch.

Lower Mayo: Minutes—Elders W. B. Stadler, D. V. Spangler, J. W. Wyatt, and J. F. Spangler.

Lower Country Line: Minutes—Elder W. R. Monk, A. P. Clayton, F. D. Long, and Elder M. D. Teasley.

Contentnea: Minutes—Elder W. B. Kearney and W. A. LeNeane and Brother W. H. Hodges and others.

Pig River: Minutes—Elder J. F. Stegall, Brother H. M. Lawrence and others.

Smith's River: Minutes—Elder Emmit Stone and Brother S. E. Terry and others.

Staunton River: Minutes—Brother J. W. Midkiff and others.

New River: Minutes—Elder Golden Harris, Brother H. E. Phillips and others.

White Oak: Minutes—Elders W. R. Gurganus and W. W. Roberts; Bro. G. R. Sheppard and others.

Bear Creek: Minutes—Elder Oscar Broom and Bro. J. W. Jones.

Visitors seated: Elder H. V. Snow of Elkhorn Association of West Va., and Elder H. F. Hutchens and others of Smithwich Creek

Church, also Elder Jabie Harris of Martin County and Elder Walter Beasley from Conner's Grove Church in Stokes County.

5. Moved that the Association adjourn to meet again Monday morning, July 24, 1933, at 9:00 o'clock, which was agreed.

Signed: ELDER W. C. KING, Moderator.
ELDER J. W. GILLIAM, Association Clerk.

MONDAY MORNING, JULY 24, 1933, AT 9:00 O'CLOCK

6. The Association met according to appointment, and after praise and prayer by Elder T. F. Adams, proceeded to business.

7. Messengers, who were appointed last year to visit sister Associations, were called upon for a report. All reports were carefully noted, and those who could not attend, as agreed, were excused.

8. Messengers taking appointment to visit corresponding Associations at their next sitting are as follows:

Little River: Minutes—Elders M. B. Martin and F. W. Keene.

Black Creek: Minutes—Elders T. A. Stanfield, F. W. Keene, and W. C. King.

White Oak: Minutes—Elders F. W. Keene and M. B. Martin.

Lower Mayo: Minutes—Elders J. W. Gilliam, F. W. Keene, and J. R. Smith.

Lower Country Line: Minutes—Elders W. C. King, F. W. King, J. W. Gilliam, and M. B. Martin.

Pig River: Minutes—Elders J. W. Gilliam, W. C. King, and F. W. Keene.

Smith River: Minutes—Elder J. W. Gilliam.

New River: Minutes—Elders J. W. Gilliam and F. W. Keene.

Staunton River: Minutes—Brother T. W. Rice, Elders F. W. Keene and J. W. Gilliam.

Mill Branch: Minutes—Elders T. A. Stanfield and F. W. Keene.

Contentnea: Minutes—Elders T. A. Stanfield and W. C. King.

9. On motion it was agreed that our next Association be held with the Church at Dan River, in Rockingham County, North Carolina, to begin at 10:00 o'clock on Saturday before the Fourth Sunday in July, 1934, and continue three days. Elder J. R. Smith was requested to preach the introductory sermon, and Elder J. W. Gilliam was requested to be his alternate.

The Upper Country Line Primitive Baptist Association is enjoying peace and quiet among her Churches, and she desires to be in peace with her Correspondence. This Association will endeavor, the Lord willing, to stand firm in the doctrine and order of God's House, and we respectfully hope our Correspondence will exercise

the same judgment. This Association will endeavor to make the stay of our brethren, friends, and correspondence pleasant when they come to see us, sparing no efforts to furnish necessary comforts; but, the Association forbids the operation of cold drink stands, the sale of cigarettes, cigars and confectioneries, and the operation of photographer's stands, and any and all kinds of trafficing within Five Hundred Yards of the place of meeting, and will seek prosecution of all offenders—see Statute passed by the Legislature in 1933.

By the Clerk.

On motion it was agreed to insert the following Letter of Correspondence, to-wit:

The Upper Country Line Primitive Baptist Association, now convened with the Church at Greensboro, in Guilford County, North Carolina, on the 22nd, 23rd, and 24th of July, 1933, doth send greetings and Christian salutations to our sister Associations and Meetings with whom we correspond.

Our Churches have again reported that peace and quiet reigns in our midst, for which we feel deeply grateful to the Father of all our many blessings. He sends his rain upon the just and upon the unjust, and we, too, many of us, can witness with the Prophet Jeremiah who said, "I know, O Lord, that the way of man is not in himself; it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps." To be kept as the the apple of His eye, and not suffered to go astray, is this not sufficient to make us praise the Lord for his great mercy. Then, may we ask, is it too much to believe that all our times are in his hands, and all events at his command. Not a sparrow shall fall without him, and the very hairs of your head are all numbered. But, the Psalmist said, "many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the Lord delivereth him out of them all." Jonah said, "I cried by reason of my affliction unto the Lord, and He heard me." And to the House of Jacob, which are called by the name of Israel, has our God not declared that I have chosen thee in the furnace of affliction? But, alas! there is salvation in none other; there is none other name given whereby we must be saved. We know of but one way, and Jesus says "I am the way, the truth, and the life". "A hard saying, and who can hear it"? Did Christ preach a popular doctrine? No, we say He did not. In his preaching, from his first public utterance, we hear him declaring the purpose of God, the will of God, the love of God, the predestination of God, his power, his mercy and grace, his faithfulness, a finished and complete salvation for all the elect family of God, and his judgments upon the wicked, and how they shall be cast into hell. Does the world love these doctrines today? No, the world, the flesh, and the devil have not changed. Christ said, "they hated

me before they hated you; they have persecuted me, and they will persecute you''. Did he preach to please men? Did the apostles compromise on any gospel truth? We say nay! But, we hear the Apostle saying, ''If God be for us, who can be against us'', and again, ''who shall lay anything to the charge of God's elect?'' However, certain ones said then, and they are saying the same things today, ''this is an evil sect everywhere spoken against'', and they accuse them of being selfish, narrow, contracted, and much behind the times in their doctrine and manner of life; that they would save some and send others to hell without a chance; that they preach a licentious doctrine and make God the author of sin; but, none of these things or false charges move a genuinely true Old Baptist from standing in the way, and enquiring for the old paths, and walking therein. May our people be given heavenly wisdom to consider, and may they not covet the idols of Baal, but be content to trust in the God of Elijah, and rejoice in our Lord Jesus Christ, having no confidence in the flesh.

Our next Session will be held with the Church at Dan River, in Rockingham County, North Carolina, beginning on Saturday before the Fourth Sunday in July, 1934, and continue three days, at which time we hope to receive your correspondence again.

ELDER J. W. GILLIAM, Association Clerk.

10. The Finance Committee made the following report to the Association:

Contribution from the Churches	$ 89.05
Contribution from other sources	38.00
In the hands of the Clerk	3.00
Total funds available	$130.05
Recommendation for disbursements:	
For printing, postage, and mailing 1,000 copies of this Minute	$ 40.00
For water, ice, lights, and general expense	25.17
For Clerk's fee	15.00
Left in the hand of the Clerk for contingent expenses	3.00
For visiting ministers, their expenses in traveling	46.88
Total disbursements	$130.05

Moved that the Finance Committee's report be received and the Committee excused, which was agreed.

11. Moved that the Clerk have 1,000 copies of these Minutes printed and distributed with the Churches of our Association, and

among sister Associations with whom we correspond, which was agreed.

12. Whereas, our brethren have been well favored in preaching the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, and many have been blessed to hear and enjoy same, and now that our Association is drawing to a close, be it resolved:

(a) That we return thanks to God for the blessings enjoyed during this Association;

(b) That we extend thanks to all our brethren, sisters, and friends who have shown kindness and hospitality in caring for our Association and her friends;

(c) That the Association go on record in this Minute with a special note of thanks to the proper parties for their generosity and kindness in tendering for the use of the Association the Guilford Battle Ground, or such parts of same, as have been used during this Association, and that the Clerk be directed to write a letter of thanks to the proper officials, which was agreed.

(d) That the Association now stands adjourned to meet next year (1934) with the Church at Dan River, in Rockingham County, on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in July.

"A STANDING REQUEST"

First, That any Church composing the Upper Country Line Association who has one or more ministerial gifts whom she has liberated to the exercise of his gift shall report same to the Association, furnishing the full name and address of the gift, or gifts.

Second, That any information covering the full status of her gifts, including their name and address, shall be furnished the Association in each Annual Report.

CORRESPONDING AND VISITING ELDERS AT THIS SESSION OF OUR ASSOCIATION

Little River: Elders E. C. Jones and T. F. Adams.

Black Creek: Elders E. L. Cobb and S. B. Denny.

White Oak: Elders R. W. Gurganus, Hill Edwards and W. W. Roberts.

Contentnea Asso.: Elder W. B. Kearney.

Lower Mayo: Elders J. F. and D. V. Spangler, J. W. Wyatt, W. B. Stadler, J. P. Pullium, W. H. Freeman, and Ollie Pruitt.

Lower Country Line: Elders W. R. Monk and M. D. Teasley.

Pig River: Elders J. F. Stigall.

Salem: Elders G. W. Hill and D. A. O'Briant.
New River: Elder Golden Harris.
Smith River—Elder Emmit Stone.
Smithwick's Creek Church: Elder H. F. Hutchens.
Conners Grove Church, in Stokes County: Elder Walter Beasley.
Bear Creek: Elder Oscar Broom.
Elk Horn Association, West Va.: Elders H. V. Snow, Jabie Harris.

PREACHING

The introductory sermon was preached by Elder W. C. King, from Phillip 2:12-17; followed by Elder T. A. Stanfield, from Acts 10:13; followed by Elder F. W. Keene, Songs of Solomon 8:5.

Saturday Afternoon:

Elder Emmit Stone, Text: Did not get text; followed by Elder D. A. O'Briant, Text: Did not get text; followed by Elder Jack Pullam, Text: Did not get text.

At 8:00 P. M.:

Elder H. V. Snow, Text: Jude 1:2; followed by Elder W. B. Kearney, Text: John 6:38-39; followed by Elder W. B. Stadler, Text: Luke 22:32.

Sunday Morning—At 10:00 O'clock:

Elder J. F. Spangler, Text: Isa. 40:1-2; followed by Elder S. B. Denny, Text: 1st Peter 2:9; followed by Elder J. F. Stigall, Text: Heb. 10th Chapter; followed by Elder D. V. Spangler, Text: Ex. 3:8.

At 2:00 P. M.:

Elder W. R. Gurganus, Text: Matt. 4:4; followed by Elder Golden Harris, Text: Rev. 15:3; followed by Elder E. L. Cobb, Text: John 5:25; followed by Elder J. W. Wyatt, Text: Ezk. 37:1-4.

At 8:00 P. M.:

Elder G. M. Trent, Text: Isa. 32:1; followed by Elder E. C. Jones, Text: 1st John 1:1.

Monday Morning—At 10:00 O'clock.:

Elder W. R. Monk, Text: 2nd Cor. 12:4; followed by Brother O. C. Hawkins, Text: John 9:26-28; followed by Elder Oscar Broom, Text: Romans 8:17; followed by Elder W. W. Roberts, no special text; followed by Elder Ollie Pruitt, Text: Romans 8:37-38; followed by T. F. Adams, Text: Psalm 89:14-15.

LIST OF CHURCHES AND ORDER OF ROTATION

List of the churches composing the Upper Country Line Primitive Baptist Association, with order of Sessions since the Country Line

Associations in 1906, as follows:

*Dan River	1916-1934
New Hope	1917
Moon's Creek	1918
Monticello	1919
Prospect Hill	1920
Wolf Island	1921
Bush Arbor	1922
Big Meadows	1923
Country Line	1924
Harmony	1925-1907
Reidsville	1926-1908
Gilliam's	1927-1909
Oak Grove	1928-1910
Lynches Creek	1929-1911
Lick Fork	1930-1912
Pleasant Grove	1931-1913
McCray	1932-1914
Greensboro	1933-1915

*Appointed to be held.

MAILING LIST OF CHURCHES

	No. Minutes
Arbor—J. E. Simmons, Yanceyville, N. C., Route No. 2	60
Big Meadow—Elder W. C. Jones, Burlington, N. C.	25
Country Line—Dot King, Yanceyville, N. C., Route No. 2	15
Dan River—Mrs. L. K. Wilson, Ruffin, N. C., Route No. 3	45
Gilliam's—Elder J. W. Gilliam, Altamahaw, N. C., Route No. 1	65
Harmony—Mrs. T. W. Wilson, Cedar Grove, N. C.	20
Lick Fork—C. L. Saunders, Reidsville, N. C., Route No. 5	35
Lynches Creek—William Warren, Corbett, N. C.	25
McCray—A. G. Porterfield, Burlington, N. C., Route No. 3	25
Moon's Creek—Mrs. Belle Neal, Danville, Va., Route No. 5	10
Pleasant Grove—G. W. Walker, Reidsville, N. C., Route No. 7	55
Prospect Hill—W. D. Blalock, Prospect Hill, N. C.	50
Reidsville—Charlie Delaney, Reidsville, N. C.	50
Wolf Island—J. R. Stone, Reidsville, N. C., Route No. 3	55
Oak Grove—Robert H. Jones, Yanceyville, N. C., Route No. 1	20
New Hope—J. J. Somers, Reidsville, N. C., Route No. 6	30
Monticello—H. W. Lambeth, Brown Summit, N. C., Route No. 1	45
Greensboro—I. E. Neal, Greensboro, N. C., General Delivery	38
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DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO ASSOCIATIONS

Bear Creek—J. W. Jones, Peachland, N. C. 20
Black Creek—Elder E. L. Cobb, Wilson, N. C. 18
Contentnea—Elder J. E. Mewbern, Snow Hill, N. C., R. 4 20
Little River—Eld. L. H. Stephenson, Willow Springs, N. C., R. 1 20
Lower Mayo—Elder D. V. Spangler, Cascade, Va. 20
New River—Elder Golden Harris, Indian Valley, Va. 20
Smith River—Elder S. L. Moran, Pilot, Va. 18
Staunton River—Elder W. R. Dodd, Dry Fork, Va. 20
Lower Country Line—J. H. Gooch, Stem, N. C. 20
White Oak—Elder L. E. Bryan, Beulahville, N. C., Route No. 1 20
Pig River—Elder E. L. Blankenship, Boon's Mill, N. C. 15
Mill Branch—M. Mears, Tabor, North Carolina 20
Durham (Col.)—Joe Graves, Reidsville, N. C., Route No. 5 20

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ARTICLES OF FAITH

We, the messengers of the several churches composing the Upper Country Line Association, agree, for the satisfaction of our brethren and friends, to publish an abstract of the principles of faith upon which we unite and will endeavor with the help of the Lord to maintain.

1. We believe in the being of God as Almighty, Eternal, Unchangeable, of infinite wisdom, power, justice, holiness, goodness, mercy and truth, and that this God has revealed Himself in His Word, under the character of Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

2. We believe that Almighty God has made known His mind and will to the children of men in His word which Word we believe to be of divine authority and contains all things necessary to be known for the salvation of man. The same is comprehended or contained in the books of the Old and New Testaments.

3. We believe that God before the foundation of the world, for a purpose of his own glory, did elect a certain number of men and angels to eternal life, and that this election is particular, eternal and unconditional on the creature's part.

4. We believe that when God made man he was good and upright, but by his own transgression he fell from that good and upright state, and being the head and representative of the whole human race, they being his natural offspring, he involved all of them in the same ruined state with himself, and they were partakers of, and exposed to, the miseries which sprang from his disobedience.

5. We believe that it is utterly out of the power of man as a fallen creature to keep the law of God perfectly, or to truly repent of his sins, or believe in Christ, except he be drawn by the Holy Spirit.

6. We believe in God's own appointed time and way the elect will be called, justified, pardoned and sanctified, and that it is impossible that they utterly refuse the call; but shall be willing by divine grace to receive mercy.

7. We believe that justification in the sight of God is only by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ, received and applied by faith.

8. We believe that God's elect will be converted and born again by the effectual working of the Holy Spirit.

9. We believe that all God's children are called by grace and born again by the effectual working of the Holy Spirit.

10. We believe it to be a duty incumbent on all God's people to walk religiously in all good works, not in the old covenant way of seeking life and the favor of the Lord by it, but only as a duty from a principle of love.

11. We believe baptism by immersion, and the Lord's supper are gospel ordinances, both belonging to the converted or true believer.

12. We believe that every church is independent in matters of discipline and that associations, councils and conferences of ministers or churches, are not to impose on the church, the keeping, holding or maintaining of any principle or practice contrary to the church's judgment.

13. We believe in the general resurrection of the dead, both of the just and the unjust, and final judgment.

14. We believe the punishment of the wicked is everlasting and the joys of the righteous eternal.

15. We believe that no minister has a right to administer the ordinances unless called and comes under the imposition of hands by the presbytery.

16. Lastly, we believe that for the mutual comfort, union and satisfaction of the several churches of the aforesaid faith and order, we ought to meet in an association capacity wherein each church ought to be represented by the messengers to advise with each other in conference.

EXPOSITION OF THE DOCTRINE

An Exposition of the Doctrine relating to God's Decree, His Purpose, Predestination, Providence, Good Works, and Obedience, as approved by a majority of our Churches in the Upper Country Line

Association in their Church Conferences in 1932, and now authorized, forms or constitutes a part of the Articles of Faith of this Association, as follows to-wit:

Our position and contention on certain controverted questions of doctrine disturbing many of our people at this time is as follows: London Confession, Chapter three, of God's decree, section one, "God hath (Isa. 46:10; Eph. 1:11; Heb. 6:17; Rom. 9:15, 18) decreed in Himself from all eternity, by the most wise and holy counsel of His will, freely and unchangeably, all things whatsoever come to pass; yet so as thereby is God neither the author of sin (James 1:15, 17; 1 John 1:5), nor hath fellowship with any therein; nor is violence offered to the will of the creature, nor yet is the liberty or contingency of second causes taken away, but rather (Acts 4:27, 28; John 19:11) established, in which appears His wisdom in disposing all things, and power and faithfulness (Num. 23:19; Eph. 1:3-5) in accomplishing His decree; section two, "Although God knoweth whatsoever may or can come to pass upon all (Acts 15:18) supposed conditions, yet hath He not decreed anything (Rom. 9:11, 13, 16, 18) because he foresaw it as future, or as that which would come to pass upon such conditions"; Chapter five, Divine Providence, section one, "God, the Creator of all things, in His infinite power and wisdom, doth (Heb. 1:3; Job. 38:11; Isa. 46:10-11; Psa. 13:5-6) uphold, direct, dispose and govern all creatures and things, from the greatest even to the (Matt. 10:26, 30, 31) least, by His most wise and holy providence, to the end for which they were created, according unto His infallible fore-knowledge and the free and immutable counsel of His (Eph. 1:11) own will; to the praise of the glory of His wisdom, power, justice, infinite goodness and mercy"; second, "Although in relation to the foreknowledge and decree of God, the first cause, all things come to pass (Acts 2:23) immutably and infallibly, so that there is not anything befalls any (Prov. 16:23) by chance or without His providence; yet by the same providence he ordereth them to fall out according to the nature of second causes, either (Gen. 8:22) necessarily, freely or contingently"; thirdly, "God in His ordinary providence (Acts 27, 31, 44; Isa. 55:10, 11) maketh use of means; yet is free (Hosea 1:7) to work without (Rom. 4:19, 21), above and (Daniel 3:27) against them at His pleasure"; fourthly, "The Almighty power, unsearchable wisdom and infinite goodness of God so far manifest themselves in His providence, that His determinate counsel (Rom. 11:32-34; 2 Sam. 24:1; 1 Chron. 21:1) extendeth itself even to the first fall, and all other sinful actions both of angels and men (and that not by a bare permission); which also He most wisely and powerfully (2 Kings 19:28; Psa. 76:10) boundeth, and otherwise ordereth and governeth, in a manifold dispensation to His most holy

(Gen. 1:20; Isa. 10:6, 7, 12) ends; yet so as the sinfulness of their acts proceedeth only from the creatures, and not from God, who being most holy and righteous, neither is nor can be the author or (Psa. 1:21; John 2:16) approver of sin; * * * * * Of Good Works, Chapter 16, section one, Good works are only such as God hath (Micah 6:8; Heb. 13:21) commanded in His holy word, and not such as without the warrant thereof are devised by men, out of blind zeal (Matt. 15:9; Isa. 19:13), or upon any pretense of good intentions. N. B. "We believe that God has wrought all the works of His children in them (Isa. 26:12), and they as His workmanship, are created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that they should walk in them (Eph. 2:10), and that their ability to do good works is not of themselves, but wholly of the spirit, and according as God works in them both to will and to do of His own good pleasure (Phil. 2:13), and that as the branches are in the vine, so are His children in Him, and have their fruits unto holiness and the end everlasting life (Rom. 6:22), and that it is of God that His children are in Christ, who, of God, is made unto them, wisdom, righteousness, sanctification, and redemption, and hence God not only puts them in this way, which is Christ, but they are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time (1 Peter 1:5), and "that the perseverance of the saints depends not upon their own free will, but upon the immutability of the decree of (Rom. 8:30; Rom. 9:11, 16) election, flowing from the free and unchangeable love of God the Father, upon the efficacy of the merit and intercession of Jesus Christ (Rom. 5:9, 10; John 14:19) and union with Him, the (Heb. 6:17, 18) oath of God, the abiding of His Spirit and the (1 John 3:9) seed of God within them, and the nature of the (Jer. 22:40) covenant of grace, from all which ariseth also the certainty and infallibility thereof", and in our conclusion, join with Elder Hassell in saying that, "while the sinner has destroyed himself, all his salvation, from first to last, is of the pure, unmerited, almighty and unchanging grace of God."—H. History, Page 942.

Now, upon the subject of obedience, our faith lays hold on Christ Jesus, the Saviour of sinners—the obedient one, for strength and every necessary help in time of need, confessing that of myslf I can do nothing, but all things through Christ that strengtheneth me. When God works the will, He, also works the strength, and obedience always follows. David said unto the Lord, When thou saidst, Seek ye my face; my heart said unto thee, Thy face, Lord, will I seek (Psa. 27:8), and again, Paul declares, having received grace and apostleship, for obedience to the faith among all nations (Rom. 1:5), his obedience, saying, So, as much as in me is, I am ready to preach the gospel to you that are at Rome also (Rom. 1:15), and we believe,

as God has said, My word shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereunto I send it (Isa. 55:11); and when Jesus was exceedingly sorrowful, even unto death, we hear his words, O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as thou wilt (Matt. 26:39); hence, concerning His people (the children of obedience) He says, Thy people shall be willing in the day of thy power (Psa. 110:3), and all the promises of God in him are yea, and in him Amen, unto the glory of God by us (2 Cor. 1:20). All obedience is based on love—God's love toward us, which causes our love toward Him, and with His mind in us, His will and pleasure becomes our will and pleasure—acquiescence,—obedience.

Submitted by Elder J. W. Gilliam.

N. B.—The above expression of the Doctrine was adopted by the Churches of our Association in 1932, and ordered inserted as part of our Articles of Faith. Signed: J. W. Gilliam, Clerk.

RULES OF DECORUM

1. The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.
2. Only one person shall speak at a time, who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator in the beginning of his speech.
3. Every brother speaking shall adhere strictly to the subject under consideration and shall in no way reflect on any other brother.
4. No messenger shall absent himself from the Association while in conference without permission.
5. No messenger shall speak more than three times on the same subject without permission from the Association.
6. Messengers shall keep strict order while the business of the Association is being transacted.
7. No messengers shall be interrupted while speaking, unless he violates the rules of this decorum.
8. No messenger shall address another in any other term or appellation other than the title of brother.
9. The names of the members composing the Association shall be enrolled by the clerk and called over as often as the Association requires.
10. The Moderator shall not speak on any question before the Association until all the other messengers are through speaking, when he may give his views, after any messenger, having a right to speak, may reply to any new matter introduced by the Moderator.
11. Any member who shall violate any of the rules of the Association shall be dealt with by the Association as it deems proper.

STATISTICAL TABLE

Churches	Names of Messengers	Contrib. by Chs.	Rec'd by E. and B.	Rec'd by Letter	Restored to Fel.	Increase Total	Dis. by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Decrease Total	No. in Fellowship
Bush Arbor	Eld. W. C. King, W. A. McKinney and J. D. Simmons	16.00	1	....	....	1	....	....	3	3	55
Big Meadows	W. H. Crutchfield, S. S. Jones and Eld. W. C. King	2.00	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	7
*Country Line	William F. McKinney	2.00	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	3
Dan River	T. W. Rice, Gold Minter and Ben Wade	5.00	6	....	....	6	....	....	....	....	54
Gilliam's	Eld. J.W. Gilliam, J. S. Blalock and Sister Annie Gwyn	6.00	....	1	....	1	....	1	3	4	28
Harmony	Sisters T. W. Wilson and W. J. Daniels	1.00	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	1	6
Lick Fork	Eld. J. R. Smith and Brother C. L. Saunders	6.25	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	1	19
**Lynches Creek	William Warren	3.00	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	3
McCray's	A. G. Porterfied, Robert Cates and Sister Carrie Blalock	8.75	....	1	....	1	....	....	....	....	11
Moon's Creek	Sisters B. G. Hodges and Belle Neal	1.00	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	1	2
Oak Grove	R. A. Poteat, R. H. Jones and wife	2.00	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	1	7
Pleasant Grove	Eld. T. A. Stanfield, David Puch and S. L. Gwyn	5.30	1	....	....	1	1	....	....	1	49
Prospect Hill	W. D. Blalock, W. D. Burch and S. M. Pullium	4.00	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	22
Reidsville	J. W. Moorefield, N. C. Nashburn and Chas. Delaney	6.50	....	....	....	....	....	....	2	2	26
Wolf Island	J. H. Dye, W. S. Smith and J. R. Stone	2.50	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	38
New Hope	Geo. R. Robertson, J. J. Somers and Sister Lessie Smithey	5.25	1	....	....	1	....	....	....	....	15
Monticello	J. J. Lambeth, W. D. Lambeth and H. W. Lambeth	4.50	....	....	....	....	....	1	....	1	15
Greensboro	L. A. Walker, J. T. Cobb and I. E. Neal	8.00	....	1	....	1	....	....	....	....	36
	Totals	$ 89.05	9	3	....	12	1	2	12	15	396

*Represented by Proxy.
**Not present on roll call.

MINUTES

OF THE

TWENTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

UPPER COUNTRY LINE PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH THE CHURCH

AT

DAN RIVER, ROCKINGHAM COUNTY
NORTH CAROLINA

July 21, 22, 23, 1934

AND

ANNOUNCEMENTS OF THE 1935 SESSION

TO BE HELD (D. V.) WITH THE CHURCH AT

NEW HOPE, ROCKINGHAM COUNTY

OFFICERS

ELDER T. A. STANFIELD, Moderator	Reidsville, N. C.
ELDER J. W. GILLIAM, Association Clerk	Altamahaw, N. C.
ELDER W. C. KING, Assistant Clerk	Union Ridge, N. C.

THE FLOWERS COLLECTION

PROCEEDINGS OF THE UPPER COUNTRY LINE ASSOCIATION—1934

1. The introductory sermon was preached by Elder John R. Smith, from 2 Tim. 3:16; followed by Elder J. W. Gilliam, from Luke 24:46-47.

2. After an intermission for dinner, the association convened, and after praise and prayer by Elder D. V. Spangler, proceeded to business.

(a) In exercising privileges conferred upon the Churches by the Association in 1933 (see 1933 minutes, page 1, sub. sec. "b"), the Church at Dan River chose Elder T. A. Stanfield of Pleasant Grove Church to preside as Moderator. The Clerk, Elder Gilliam, called to his assistance Elder W. C. King of Bush Arbor Church.

(b) Moved that the Committee on Arrangements shall consist of the Moderator, the Association Clerk, the Assistant Clerk, and the Messengers from Dan River Church, which was agreed.

(c) Moved that the Moderator appoint all necessary committees, which was agreed, and the Moderator appointed a Committee on Finance as follows, to-wit: Brethren I. E. Neal, John Simmons and T. W. Rice.

(d) Roll call of our churches in the Upper Country Line Association.

(e) Moved that the Moderator call for Petitionary Letters, which was done, and none received.

(f) Moved that our resolution of 1933, page 1, suspending correspondence for the present time with all associations that are divided, be continued by this session, which was agreed.

"WE SOUND AN ALARM"

We feel deeply grieved to see Sister Associations being torn and rent, and dividing into factions, with subsequent loss of identity and honor as orderly Baptists. The long honored and well guarded name of Primitive Baptist will soon mean little to anybody professing the name, when our House is divided against itself, with subsequent loss of respect. Old School, Predestinarian, or Primitive Baptist have required a "Thus sayeth the Lord" when departures from the "Old Paths" have been forced upon her. Genuinely true "Old Baptists" are the same today, and they are ever ready to preserve the doctrine and order of the Lord's House. From time to time, there has been a going out from us, but they went out that they might be made manifest that they were not all of us (1st John 2:19) and such departures may still be expected; but, what is the trouble with our people today? Is there no balm in Gilead; is there no physician there? Why then is not the health of the daughter of my people recovered? (Jer. 8:22). Ah, we pause now to sound an alarm in your midst! Leadership,

jealousy, preacher-rule, declarations of non-fellowship for individual brethren unsupported by the action of the Church, a disposition to rule or ruin, preacher councils, declaration of non-fellowship for brethren or churches without gospel labor or investigation, and the closing of our church doors on brethren against whom no charges have been preferred, and a tendency on the part of many (and this weakness affects the ministry as well as the lay-members) to be followers of men rather than lovers of God. Brethren, let us return to our first love. Is it not time for all of us to stop and consider? Should we not look over each other for good and not for evil? Preacher rule should cease among us, and we should get back to church-discipline. Doctrine and order go hand-in-hand, and it becomes our churches to see to it that we have a sound and faithful ministry, and their good name should be defended and upheld by the churches.

By the Clerk.

3. Correspondence from sister Associations was called for, and they invited to take seats with us, whereupon the following were seated, to-wit:

Lower Mayo: Minutes—Elders W. B. Stadler, D. V. Spangler, J. F. Spangler, J. W. Wyatt and Jack Pulliam and others.

Lower Country Line: Minutes—Bro. A. J. Hill, Messenger, and Brethren G. L. Rue and F. D. Long.

Contentnea: Minutes—Sisters Henry Brake, Lewis, and Robbins.

Pig River: Minutes—Elders J. F. Stigall, Randolph Purdue, J. D. Wood, and others.

Smith River: Minutes—Elder Emmitt Stone and others.

Staunton River: Minutes—Elder W. R. Dodd and Brethren Floyd Williams, R. L. Dodson, J. W. Bryant and others.

White Oak: Minutes—Elder W. R. Gurganus; brother T. H. Edwards and Sister Isaac Jones.

Bear Creek: Minutes—Sister H. S. Williams.

Seven Mile: Minutes—Elder M. F. Westbrook.

Salem: Minutes—Elders D. A. O'Briant, G. W. Hill and G. M. Trent; and Brother and Sister J. M. Denny and others.

Seated as Visitors: Elder H. S. Williams and Bro. B. I. Harrison, from the Abbott's Creek Association.

4. Moved that the Association adjourn until Monday morning, to reconvene at 9 o'clock, which was agreed.

Signed: ELDER T. A. STANFIELD, Moderator.
ELDER J. W. GILLIAM, Asso. Clerk.

MONDAY MORNING, JULY 23, 1934, AT 9:00 O'CLOCK

5. The Association met according to appointment, and after praise and prayer by Elder D. A. O'Briant, proceeded to business.

N. B. The following resolution was read by the Clerk and adopted by the Association, to-wit:

Resolved, That the Upper Country Line Association shall stand separate and apart, and not affiliate with the disorders of the Kehukee Association.

At this point our "Letter of Correspondence" was read by the Clerk and adopted by the Association and ordered inserted, which follows:

The Upper Country Line Primitive Baptist Association, now convened with the Church at Dan River, in Rockingham County, North Carolina, on the 21, 22 and 23 of July, 1934, doth send greetings and Christian salutations to our sister Associations and Meetings with whom we correspond.

Our Churches have again reported that peace and quiet reigns in our midst, for which we hope we feel thankful to the Father of all our mercies. The Lord has said "My peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid." Blessed thought! And we read again, Thou, Child, shalt be called the prophet of the Highest: for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways; to give knowledge of salvation unto his people by the remission of their sins, through the tender mercy of our God; whereby the day spring from on high hath visited us, to give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet unto the way of peace. May we not feel to say with the Psalmist, "Peace be within thy walls, and prosperity within thy palaces, for my brethren and companions sake, I will now say, Peace be within thee."

Brethren, the Upper Country Line Association is standing fast in the doctrine of Election and Predestination, the preservation of the Saints unto Glory, the Resurrection of the body, and the final glorification of all the Church of God. We believe that not a sparrow shall fall without him, and the very hairs of your head are all numbered. The Lord has said by the prophet Isaiah, "I am God, and there is none like me, declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure". The Apostle tells us that we are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation, ready to be revealed at the last time. Jesus says, none shall be able to pluck them out of my hand, etc., and that he will say, behold I and the children thou has given me. Then may we not say with con-

fidence "If the Lord be for us, who can be against us"? And, again, "who shall lay anything to the charge of God's elect?" "It is God that justifieth, who is he that condemneth?" It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us. The Apostle continues, "For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus the Lord." And the Apostle assures us that the promises of God are not yea and nay, but in him are yea, and in him Amen.

Brethren, we are aware of the wide-spread divisions among our associations in different parts of the country. Some have apparently divided over doctrine and order, and some for the lack of doctrine and order. Doctrine and order go hand-in-hand, and will stand together; or, fall, when either is departed from. Truth will not mix with error, and there is no middle ground between the two. Christ has said, he that is not for me, is against me. Super-government over the Churches, (a sort of preacher rule), userpation of powers by our Associations which the Churches should not delegate nor allow, the declaration of non-fellowship against brethren and churches by individuals and groups, the closing of doors of our churches to brethren against whom no charges have been preferred, and no action taken, the undue influence of the ministry, or certain members of same against other brethren or minister to deprive them of recognition among our Churches and Associations, when proper Church labor has not been bestowed, and the disposition of some members to bolt against the mind and the wisdom of the Church, or Churches—can we not find many of our present day ills represented in the above suggestions? Is it not gross disorder for brethren to declare non-fellowship for brethren, when no charges have been preferred nor action taken by the Churches concerned? What is correspondence worth among Associations, when one group userps authority to declare non-fellowship, enforcing the adoption of such non-fellowship resolutions upon certain churches, and such gross disorder is winked at by orderly correspondence? The Upper Country Line Association feels duty bound to enter her protest.

Our next Session will be held with the Church at New Hope, six miles East of Reidsville, in Rockingham County, North Carolina, beginning on Saturday before the Fourth Sunday in July, 1935,, and continue three days, at which time we hope to receive your correspondence again.

ELDER J. W. GILLIAM, Association Clerk.

Adopted by the Association.

6. Messengers who were appointed last year to visit sister Associations were called upon for a report. All reports were carefully noted and those who could not attend, as agreed, were excused.

7. Messengers taking appointments to visit corresponding Associations at their next sitting are as follows:

Little River: Minutes—Elders M. B. Martin and F. W. Keene.

White Oak: Minutes—Elders M. B. Martin and F. W. Keene.

Lower Mayo: Minutes—Elders J. W. Gilliam, John R. Smith, F. W. Keen, T. A. Stanfield and Brethren T. W. Rice and others.

Lower Country Line: Minutes—Elders J. W. Gilliam, W. C. King, T. A. Stanfield and Brother T. W. Rice.

Pig River: Minutes—Elders J. W. Gilliam, F. W. Keene, John R. Smith and Brother T. W. Rice.

Smith River: Minutes—Elder J. W. Gilliam.

Staunton River: Minutes—Elder J. W. Gilliam, T. A. Stanfield and Brother T. W. Rice.

Salem: Minutes—Elders T. A. Stanfield, F. W. Keene, J. W. Gilliam and Brother J. H. Dye.

8. On motion it was agreed that our next Association will be held with the Church at New Hope, six miles East of Reidsville, in Rockingham County, North Carolina, beginning at 10:00 o'clock on Saturday morning before the Fourth Sunday in July, 1935, and continue three days. Elder J. W. Gilliam was requested to preach the introductory sermon, and Elder W. C. King was requested to be his alternate.

The Upper Country Line Primitive Baptist Association is enjoying peace and quiet among her Churches, and she desires to be in peace with her Correspondence. This Association will endeavor, the Lord willing, to stand firm in the doctrine and order of God's House, and we respectfully hope our Correspondence will exercise the same judgment. This Association will endeavor to make the stay of our brethren, friends, and correspondence pleasant when they come to see us, sparing no efforts to furnish necessary comforts; but, the State of North Carolina, by statute, protects the Associattion against the operation of cold drink stands, the sale of cigarettes, cigars and confectioneries, and the operation of photographer's stands, and any and all kinds of traficing within Five Hundred Yards of the place of meeting, and will seek prosecution of all offenders—see Statute passed by the Legislature in 1933.

By the Clerk.

9. The Finance Committee made the following report to the Association:

Contribution from the Churches	$110.80
Contribution from other sources	38.60
In the hands of the Clerk	2.00
Total funds available	$151.40

Recommendation for disbursement:

For printing, postage, mailing 1,000 copies of this Minute	$ 58.50
For Officers, water, ice, lights, and general expenses	16.00
For Clerk's fee	20.00
Left in the hands of the Clerk	2.00
Contribution to visiting ministers to aid in taking care of their expenses in traveling	54.90
Total disbursements	$151.40

Moved that the Finance Committee's report be received and the Committee excused, which was agreed.

10. Moved that the Clerk have 1,000 copies of these Minutes printed and distributed to the Churches of our Association, and among sister Associations with whom we correspond, which was agreed.

11. Whereas, our brethren have been well favored in preaching the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, and many have been blessed to hear and enjoy same, and now that our Association is drawing to a close, be it resolved:

(a) That we return thanks to God for the blessings enjoyed during this Association;

(b) That we extend thanks to all our brethren, sisters, and friends who have shown kindness and hospitality in caring for our Association and her friends;

(c) That the Association now stands adjourned to meet next year (1935) with the Church at New Hope, in Rockingham County, North Carolina, on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in July.

Signed: ELDER T. A. STANFIELD, Moderator.
J. W. GILLIAM, Association Clerk.

"A STANDING REQUEST"

First, That any Church composing the Upper Country Line Association who has one or more ministerial gifts whom she has liberated to the exercise of his gift shall report same to the Association, furnishing the full name and address of the gift, or gifts;

Second, That any information covering the full status of her gifts, including their name and address, shall be furnished the Association in each Annual Report.

CORRESPONDING AND VISITING ELDERS AT THIS SESSION OF OUR ASSOCIATION

From White Oak: Elder R. W. Gurganus.

Lower Mayo: Elders D. V. Spangler, J. F. Spangler, J. W. Wyatt, J. O. Pruitt, W. B. Stadler and Jack Pulliam.

Lower Country Line: Elder Other Hawkins.

Pig River: Elders J. F. Stigall, Randolph Purdue and J. D. Wood.

Seven Mile: Elder M. F. Westbrook.

Staunton River: Elders W. R. Dodd, Posey Ashworth and (?) Thomas (did not get his initials).

Smith River: Elder Emmitt Stone.

Abbott's Creek: Elder H. S. Williams.

Salem: Elders D. A. O'Briant, G. W .Hill and G. M. Trent. Also most of the preachers from the Upper Country Line were present.

PREACHING

The introductory sermon was preached by Elder John R. Smith, from 2 Tim. 3:16; followed by Elder J. W. Gilliam, from Luke 24:46-47.

Saturday Afternoon:

1. Elder J. F. Spangler: Rom. 5:19; Elder Jack Pulliam, Text: Isa. 14:24; Elder Emmitt Stone: Psa. 89:15.

At 8:00 P. M.:

Elder W. B. Stadler, Text: 1 John 5:7; Elder F. W. Keene, Text: "So foolish and helpless was I," etc.

Sunday Morning: 10:00 O'clock:

Elder J. D. Wood, Text: Rom. 9:9-24; Elder M. F. Westbrook: Psa. 50:10, 11 and 12; Elder Randolph Purdue, Text: John 14:6; Elder R. W. Gurganus, Text, Isa. 40:11.

At 2:00 P. M.:

Elder J. F. Stigall, Text: Col. 2:9; Elder W. R. Dodd, Text: Psa. 23:1-3; Elder G. M. Trent, Text: Isa. 40:1; Elder H. S. Williams, Text: Exo. 28:34-35; Elder J. W. Wyatt, Text: Heb. 12:1-18.

At 5:00 P. M.:

Elder J. O. Puitt. Sorry Clerk failed to get his text; I think Elder Puitt was followed by Elder Other Hawkins or Elder Ben Martin, but the Clerk was called away and failed to get text.

At 8:00 P. M.:

Elder Posey J. Ashworth (The Clerk was not on the grounds at night and failed to get text).

Elder D. V. Spangler, closed the night service, using no special text.

Monday Morning: 10:00 O'clock:

Elder D. A. O'Briant, Text: John 14:6; Elder G. W. Hill, Text: "The power of God", etc.; Elder D. V. Spangler closed the services with a short but appropriate discourse, thus ending one of the best sessions in the history of the Upper Country Line Association.

LIST OF CHURCHES AND ORDER OF ROTATION

List of the churches composing the Upper Country Line Primitive Baptist Association, with order of Sessions since the Country Line Association divided in 1906, as follows:

*New Hope	1917-1935
Moon's Creek	1918
Monticello	1919
Prospect Hill	1920
Wolf Island	1921
Bush Arbor	1922
Big Meadows	1923
Country Line	1924
Harmony	1925-1907
Reidsville	1926-1908
Gilliam's	1927-1909
Oak Grove	1928-1910
Lynches Creek	1929-1911
Lick Fork	1930-1912
Pleasant Grove	1931-1913
McCray	1932-1914
Greensboro	1933-1915
Dan River	1934-1916

*Appointed to be held.

MAILING LIST OF CHURCHES

	No. Minutes
Arbor—J. D. Simmons, Altamahaw, N. C., Route No. 2	60
Big Meadow—Elder W. C. Jones, Burlington, N. C.	25
Country Line—Dot King, Yanceyville, N. C., Route No. 2	15
Dan River—Mrs. L. K. Wilson, Ruffin, N. C., Route No. 2	45
Gilliam's—Elder J. W. Gilliam, Altamahaw, N. C., Route No. 1	65
Harmony—Mrs. T. W. Wilson, Cedar Grove, N. C.	20
Lick Fork—C. L. Saunders, Reidsville, N. C., Route No. 5	35
Lynches Creek—William Warren, Corbett, N. C.	25
McCray—A. G. Porterfield, Burlington, N. C., Route No. 3	25
Moon's Creek—Mrs. Belle Neal, Danville, Va., Route No. 5	10
Pleasant Grove—G. W. Walker, Reidsville, N. C., Route No. 1	55
Prospect Hill—W. D. Blalock, Prospect Hill, N. C.	50
Reidsville—Charlie Delaney, Reidsville, N. C.	50
Wolf Island—J. R. Stone, Reidsville, N. C., Route No. 3	55
Oak Grove—Robert H. Jones, Yanceyville, N. C., Route No. 1	20
New Hope—J. J. Somers, Reidsville, N. C., Route No. 1	30
Monticello—H. W. Lambeth, Brown Summit, N. C., Route No. 1	45
Greensboro—I. E. Neal, Greensboro, N. C., General Delivery	38
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DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO ASSOCIATION

Bear Creek—J. W. Jones, Peachland, N. C.	20
Black Creek—Elder E. L. Cobb, Wilson, N. C.	18
Contentnea—Elder J. E. Mewbern, Snow Hill, N. C., R. 4	20
Little River—Eld. L. H. Stephenson, Willow Springs, N. C., R. 1	20
Lower Mayo—Elder D. V. Spangler, Cascade, Va.	20
New River—Elder Golden Harris, Indian Valley, Va.	20
Smith River—Elder S. L. Moran, Pilot, Va.	18
Staunton River—Elder W. R. Dodd, Dry Fork, Va.	20
Lower Country Line—J. H. Gooch, Stem, N. C.	20
White Oak—Eld. L. E. Bryan, Beulahville, N. C., Route No. 1	20
Pig River—Elder E. L. Blankenship, Boon's Mill, Va.	15
Mill Branch—M. Mears, Tabor, North Carolina	20
Durham (Col.)—Joe Graves, Reidsville, N. C., Route No. 5	20
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ARTICLES OF FAITH

We, the messengers of the several churches composing the Upper Country Line Association, agree, for the satisfaction of our brethren and friends, to publish an abstract of the principles of faith upon which we unite and will endeavor with the help of the Lord to maintain.

1. We believe in the being of God as Almighty, Eternal, Unchangeable, of infinite wisdom, power, justice, holiness, goodness, mercy and truth, and that this God has revealed Himself in His Word, under the character of Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

2. We believe that Almighty God has made known His mind and will to the children of men in His word which Word we believe to be of divine authority and contains all things necessary to be known for the salvation of man. The same is comprehended or contained in the books of the Old and New Testaments.

3. We believe that God before the foundation of the world, for a purpose of his own glory, did elect a certain number of men and angels to eternal life, and that this election is particular, eternal and unconditional on the creature's part.

4. We believe that when God made man he was good and upright, but by his own transgression he fell from that good and upright state, and being the head and representative of the whole human race, they being his natural offspring, he involved all of them in the same ruined state with himself, and they were partakers of, and exposed to, the miseries which sprang from his disobedience.

5. We believe that it is utterly out of the power of man as a fallen creature to keep the law of God perfectly, or to truly repent of his sins, or believe in Christ, except he be drawn by the Holy Spirit.

6. We believe in God's own appointed time and way the elect will be called, justified, pardoned and sanctified, and that it is impossible that they utterly refuse the call; but shall be willing by divine grace to receive mercy.

7. We believe that justification in the sight of God is only by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ, received and applied by faith.

8. We believe that God's elect will be converted and born again by the effectual working of the Holy Spirit.

9. We believe that all God's children are called by grace and born again by the effectual working of the Holy Spirit.

10. We believe it to be a duty incumbent on all God's people to walk religiously in all good works, not in the old covenant way of

seeking life and the favor of the Lord by it, but only as a duty from a principle of love.

11. We believe baptism by immersion, and the Lord's supper are gospel ordinances, both belonging to the converted or true believer.

12. We believe that every church is independent in matters of discipline and that associations, councils and conferences of ministers or churches, are not to impose on the church, the keeping, holding or maintaining of any principle or practice contrary to the church's judgment.

13. We believe in the general resurrection of the dead, both of the just and the unjust, and final judgment.

14. We believe the punishment of the wicked is everlasting and the joys of the righteous eternal.

15. We believe that no minister has a right to administer the ordinances unless called and comes under the imposition of hands by the presbytery.

16. Lastly, we believe that for the mutual comfort, union and satisfaction of the several churches of the aforesaid faith and order, we ought to meet in an association capacity wherein each church ought to be represented by the messengers to advise with each other in conference.

EXPOSITION OF THE DOCTRINE

An Exposition of the Doctrine relating to God's Decree, His Purpose, Predestination, Providence, Good Works, and Obedience, as approved by a majority of our Churches in the Upper Country Line Association in their Church Conferences in 1932, and now authorized, forms or constitutes a part of the Articles of Faith of this Association, as follows to-wit:

Our position and contention on certain controverted questions of doctrine disturbing many of our people at this time is as follows: London Confession, Chapter three, of God's decree, section one, "God hath (Isa. 46:10; Eph. 1:11; Heb. 6:17; Rom. 9:15, 18) decreed in Himself from all eternity, by the most wise and holy counsel of His will, freely and unchangeably, all things whatsoever come to pass; yet so as thereby is God neither the author of sin (James 1:15, 17; 1 John 1:5), nor hath fellowship with any therein; nor is violence offered to the will of the creature, nor yet is the liberty or contingency of second causes taken away, but rather (Acts 4:27, 28; John 19:11) established, in which appears His wisdom in disposing all things, and power and faithfulness (Num. 23:19; Eph. 1:3-5) in accomplishing His decree; section two, "Although God knoweth whatsoever may or can come to pass upon all (Acts 15:18) supposed

conditions, yet hath He not decreed anything (Rom. 9:11, 13, 16, 18) because he foresaw it as future, or as that which would come to pass upon such conditions''; Chapter five, Divine Providence, section one, ''God, the Creator of all things, in His infinite power and wisdom, doth (Heb. 1:3; Job. 38:11; Isa. 46:10-11; Psa. 13:5-6) uphold, direct, dispose and govern all creatures and things, from the greatest even to the (Matt. 10:26, 30, 31) least, by His most wise and holy providence, to the end for which they were created, according unto His infallible fore-knowledge and the free and immutable counsel of His (Eph. 1:11) own will; to the praise of the glory of His wisdom, power, justice, infinite goodness and mercy''; second, ''Although in relation to the foreknowledge and decree of God, the first cause, all things come to pass (Acts 2:23) immutably and infallibly, so that there is not anything befalls any (Prov. 16:23) by chance or without His providence; yet by the same providence he ordereth them to fall out according to the nature of second causes, either (Gen. 8:22) necessarily, freely or contingently''; thirdly, ''God in His ordinary providence (Acts 27, 31, 44; Isa. 55:10, 11) maketh use of means; yet is free (Hosea 1:7) to work without (Rom. 4:19, 21), above and (Daniel 3:27) against them at His pleasure''; fourthly, ''The Almighty power, unsearchable wisdom and infinite goodness of God so far manifest themselves in His providence, that His determinate counsel (Rom. 11:32-34; 2 Sam. 24:1; 1 Chron. 21:1) extendeth itself even to the first fall, and all other sinful actions both of angels and men (and that not by a bare permission); which also He most wisely and powerfully (2 Kings 19:28; Psa. 76:10) boundeth, and otherwise ordereth and governeth, in a manifold dispensation to His most holy (Gen. 1:20; Isa. 10:6, 7, 12) ends; yet so as the sinfulness of their acts proceedeth only from the creatures, and not from God, who being most holy and righteous, neither is nor can be the author or (Psa. 1:21: John 2:16) approver of sin; * * * * * Of Good Works, Chapter 16, section one, Good works are only such as God hath (Micah 6:8; Heb. 13:21) commanded in His holy word, and not such as without the warrant thereof are devised by men, out of blind zeal (Matt. 15:9; Isa. 19:13), or upon any pretense of good intentions. N. B. ''We believe that God has wrought all the works of His children in them (Isa. 26:12), and they as His workmanship, are created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that they should walk in them (Eph. 2:10), and that their ability to do good works is not of themselves, but wholly of the spirit, and according as God works in them both to will and to do of His own good pleasure (Phil. 2:13), and that as the branches are in the vine, so are His children in Him, and have their fruits unto holiness and the end everlasting life (Rom. 6:22), and that it is of God that His children

are in Christ, who, of God, is made unto them, wisdom, righteousness, sanctification, and redemption, and hence God not only puts them in this way, which is Christ, but they are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time (1 Peter 1:5), and "that the preservation of the saints depends not upon their own free will, but upon the immutability of the decree of (Rom. 8:30; Rom. 9:11, 16) election, flowing from the free and unchangeable love of God the Father, upon the efficacy of the merit and intercession of Jesus Christ (Rom. 5:9, 10; John 14:19) and union with Him, the (Heb. 6:17, 18) oath of God, the abiding of His Spirit and the (1 John 3:9) seed of God within them, and the nature of the (Jer. 22:40) covenant of grace, from all which ariseth also the certainty and infallibility thereof", and in our conclusion, join with Elder Hassell in saying that, "While the sinner has destroyed himself, all his salvation, from first to last, is of the pure, unmerited, almighty and unchanging grace of God."—H. History, Page 942.

Now, upon the subject of obedience, our faith lays hold on Christ Jesus, the Saviour of sinners—the obedient one, for strength and every necessary help in time of need, confessing that of myself I can do nothing, but all things through Christ that strengtheneth me. When God works the will, He, also works the strength, and obedience always follows. David said unto the Lord, When thou saidst, Seek ye my face; my heart said unto thee, Thy face, Lord, will I seek (Psa. 27:8), and again, Paul declares, having received grace and apostleship, for obedience to the faith among all nations (Rom. 1:5), his obedience, saying, So, as much as in me is, I am ready to preach the gospel to you that are at Rome also (Rom. 1:15), and we believe, as God has said, My word shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereunto I send it (Isa. 55:11); and when Jesus was exceedingly sorrowful, even unto death, we hear his words, O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as thou wilt (Matt. 26:39); hence, concerning His people (the children of obedience) He says, Thy people shall be willing in the day of thy power (Psa. 110:3), and all the promises of God in him are yea, and in him Amen, unto the glory of God by us (2 Cor. 1:20). All obedience is based on love—God's love toward us, which causes our love toward Him, and with His mind in us, His will and pleasure becomes our will and pleasure—acquiescence,—obedience.

Submitted by Elder J. W. Gilliam.

N. B.—The above expression of the Doctrine was adopted by the Churches of our Association in 1932, and ordered inserted as part of our Articles of Faith. Signed: J. W. Gilliam, Clerk.

RULES OF DECORUM

1. The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

2. Only one person shall speak at a time, who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator in the beginning of his speech.

3. Every brother speaking shall adhere strictly to the subject under consideration and shall in no way reflect on any other brother.

4. No messenger shall absent himself from the Association while in conference without permission.

5. No messenger shall speak more than three times on the same subject without permission from the Association.

6. Messengers shall keep strict order while the business of the Association is being transacted.

7. No messengers shall be interrupted while speaking, unless he violates the rules of this decorum.

8. No messenger shall address another in any other term or appellation other than the title of brother.

9. The names of the members composing the Association shall be enrolled by the clerk and called over as often as the Association requires.

10. The Moderator shall not speak on any question before the Association until all the other messengers are through speaking, when he may give his views, after any messenger, having a right to speak, may reply to any new matter introduced by the Moderator.

11. Any member who shall violate any of the rules of the Association shall be dealt with by the Association as it deems proper.

STATISTICAL TABLE

Churches	Names of Messengers	Contrib. by Chs.	Rec'd by E. and B.	Rec'd by Letter	Restored to Fel.	Increase Total	Dis. by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Decrease Total	No. in Fellowship
Bush Arbor	Eld. W. C. King, Bren. W. A. McKinney and J. D. Simmons	14.05	1			1			3	3	49
Big Meadows	Elder W. C. Jones	2.00							1	1	6
Country Line	Not represented by Messengers or proxy	0.00									3
Dan River	Brethren Ben Wade, T. W. Rice and J. M. Griffieth	6.00	1			1			1	1	53
Gilliam's	Eld. Gilliam, T. W. Saunders and Jesse McKinney	8.50									28
Harmony	Sisters T. W. Wilson and W. J. Daniels	2.00									6
Lick Fork	Bro. C. L. Saunders, Eld. J. R. Smith and Kate Hooper	7.50							1	1	18
Lynches Creek	Brother Wm. Warren	3.00									3
McCray	A. G. Porterfield, Robert Cates and Sister Lula Aldridge	8.25			1	1					12
Moon's Creek	Sisters Belle Neal and B. G. Hodges	1.00									2
Oak Grove	Sisters L. B Gunn and Carrie Jones	2.65					3			3	4
Pleasant Grove	Eld. T. A. Stanfield, Dave Paschal and S. L. Gwyn	13.55					1			1	49
Prospect Hill	S. M. Prilliam, W. D. Burch and W. D. Blalock	7.00							3	3	19
Reidsville	Bro. C. I. Delaney, J. W. Moorefield and Sis. K. Mitchell	10.55									26
Wolf Island	Brethren W. S. Smith, J. H. Dye and J. R. Stone	4.00									37
New Hope	Sis. Lessie Smithey, G. R. Robertson and J. J. Somers	7.75	2			2			1	1	16
Monticello	J. J., W. H. and W. D. Lambeth	5.00									15
Greensboro	Noble King, L. A. Walker and I. E. Neal	8.00	3	2		5			1	1	40
	Total	$110.80	7	2	1	10	4		11	15	386

*Absentee

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